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Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 19:03:16 EDT
From: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: QRP-L digest 867

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by Wayne Alexander <walexander@wnn.net>
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by K5BDZ@aol.com
- 7) [27911] FS: Ham Radio Magazine, QST, QEX, RadCom
by Dan Halbert <halbert@bbn.com>
- 8) [27912] Thanks, and good job.
by "Adam B. Kanis" <adam-kanis@uiowa.edu>
- 9) [27913] ALC control of power output
by n4so@juno.com (charles k brown)
- 10) [27914] Re: Star Party QRPing
by Henry Freedenberg <henryf@quartz.gly.fsu.edu>
- 11) [27915] More on stacks
by "L. B. Cebik" <cebik@utkx.utcc.utk.edu>
- 12) [27916] Fox #2
by "William R. Moore" <wr.moore@worldnet.att.net>
- 13) [27917] Fox here
by "Dean Marzocca" <n2tnn@ifu.net>
- 14) [27918] FOX: 599 + !
by JFKluender@aol.com
- 15) [27919] FOX !!!!!
by Bill Myers <bjmyers@arc.net>
- 16) [27920] I'm the Fox for October 8, 00:00z to 02:00z
by n8var@juno.com (Ronald D Doyle)
- 17) [27921] Re: Alaska QRP.
by K4AHK@ix.netcom.com
- 18) [27922] Re: fox
by Bob Hightower <ki7mn@dancris.com>
- 19) [27923] FOX - not tonite!

- by "Timothy J. Pettibone" <tpettibo@nmsu.edu>
- 20) [27924] FOX: Some suggestions
by Roger Hightower <n7kt@dancris.com>
- 21) [27925] FOX HUNT
by David Bixler <qrp@netins.net>
- 22) [27926] Buzz-not
by Bob Hightower <ki7mn@dancris.com>
- 23) [27927] Fox booming in VA, no QSL
by Ricky McNelly <72507.235@compuserve.com>
- 24) [27928] Gobs of Heath QRP 4 sale/trade
by Jim W7LS <w7ls@brigadoon.com>
- 25) [27929] Finished Supper...and the Pixie2!
by fmathews@norfolk.infi.net (Frank Matthews)
- 26) [27930] Re: FOX !!!!!
by Chris Cartwright <ccart@dns.vidtel.com>
- 27) [27931] WSJ and code
by kb0rol@juno.com (Bradley L Mugleston)
- 28) [27932] Fox - Thanks
by kb0rol@juno.com (Bradley L Mugleston)
- 29) [27933] fox
by af852@rgfn.epcc.Edu (William R Colbert)
- 30) [27934] 38S Custom Enclosure Parts!
by doug hauff <slmachco@fix.net>
- 31) [27935] Re: Buzz-not
by "Phil, K6LS" <k6ls@amsat.org>
- 32) [27936] Oileup
by n4js@amsat.org (John Sielke)
- 33) [27937] Re: Buzz-not
by Roger Hightower <n7kt@dancris.com>
- 34) [27938] Use Excel with Quattro Pro
by David Shalita <af389@lafn.org>
- 35) [27939] Oilup??????? + 38S encl.
by n4js@amsat.org (John Sielke)
- 36) [27940] Re: Fox North American Challenge!
by Greg Newberry <newberry@cyberhighway.net>
- 37) [27941] FOXHUNT, FOX #2
by adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (Chuck Adams)
- 38) [27942] Fox
by Monte Stark <ku7y@sage.dri.edu>
- 39) [27943] RAINBOW ENCLOSURE!!!
by doug hauff <slmachco@fix.net>
- 40) [27944] FOX: Don't give up
by Joe Gervais <vole@primenet.com>
- 41) [27945] Key ideas
by G3TUX@aol.com
- 42) [27946] Spartan Strategy
by Christopher Moore <christopher.moore@snet.net>
- 43) [27947] Re: Key Ideas?

- by ea8yu Goran Hosinsky <rodriguez@jet.es>
- 44) [27948] ARCI Fall QSO Party
by camqrp@cyberg8t.com (Cam Hartford)
- 45) [27949] How much gain for an HF preamp?
by John McKee <JMcKee@RFMD.COM>
- 46) [27950] Fwd: CIA special events station
by JCoote@aol.com
- 47) [27951] Comments on Post to QRP-L
by George Gingell <k3tks@u1.abs.net>
- 48) [27952] FS:ARGO 525 (pristine)
by "Wilford D. Lindsey" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>
- 49) [27953] ATTENTION! MDMW!
by George Gingell <k3tks@u1.abs.net>
- 50) [27954] NN50CIA
by bruce muscolino <w6toy@pop.erols.com>
- 51) [27955] Re: Key Ideas?
by "Bob Duckworth" <wb4mnf@atl.org>
- 52) [27956] Keyer Paddles
by K4AHK@ix.netcom.com
- 53) [27957] Re: Fox North American Challenge!
by kq0i@juno.com (Mark R Milburn)
- 54) [27958] FS/trade ATLAS 210x
by "J. Skalski" <jskalski@acsu.buffalo.edu>
- 55) [27959] WA3NNA's Beacon Results?
by kreinbd@ccgate.dl.nec.com (David Kreinberg)
- 56) [27960] Morse Code, Kids, and learning
by "Scott Rosenfeld [NF3I]" <ham@w3eax.umd.edu>
- 57) [27961] Re: ATTENTION! MDMW!
by Monte Stark <ku7y@sage.dri.edu>
- 58) [27962] Re: Morse Code, Kids, and learning
by Roger Hightower <n7kt@dancris.com>
- 59) [27963] BIG list of stuff for sale (QRP, HF, VHF, UHF, etc.)
by "Scott Rosenfeld [NF3I]" <ham@w3eax.umd.edu>
- 60) [27964] AZ ScQRPions Meeting
by flydnq7x@primenet.com (Floyd Smithberg)
- 61) [27965] Re: Keyer Paddles
by Mike Connor <mikec@primenet.com>
- 62) [27966] RE: Fox North American Challenge!
by rhilto - Robert Hilton <rhilto@acxiom.com>
- 63) [27967] RE: Fox North American Challenge!
by Bob Hightower <ki7mn@dancris.com>
- 64) [27968] FIREBALL TX INFO NEEDED
by kreinbd@ccgate.dl.nec.com (David Kreinberg)
- 65) [27969] Argosy 525 Has Been Sold
by "W. D. Lindsey" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>
- 66) [27970] FOXii
by Brad Mugleston <bmug@gwl.com>
- 67) [27971] Re: Fox North American Challenge!

by Joe Gervais <vole@primenet.com>

68) [27972] Fox #2--50/50 hit rate
by Bob Tellefsen-CNSE97 <Bob_Tellefsen-CNSE97@email.mot.com>

69) [27973] FOX:Heard but no joy.
by Ed Loranger <loranger@wolf.sr.hp.com>

70) [27974] October NorCal Meeting
by ki6ds@dpol.k12.ca.us (Hendricks, Doug)

71) [27975] Re: Fox North American Challenge!
by Bob Hightower <ki7mn@dancris.com>

72) [27976] Howard County, MD, hamfest
by "Scott Rosenfeld [NF3I]" <ham@w3eax.umd.edu>

73) [27977] Re: Buzz-not
by "David D. Meacham" <ddm@datatamers.com>

74) [27978] Fox: Rough Night for the Hunter
by Dan Tayloe-P26412 <Dan_Tayloe-P26412@email.mot.com>

75) [27979] MN and the FOX(2)
by "Larry Wise/KA5T" <lewise@inetport.com>

76) [27980] Fox #2 Report - Congrats to those who made it
by Brian Cieslak <brianc@ams-i.com>

77) [27981] Need all the mods to Pixie circuit
by Sam Mohan <SMohan@HNS.com>

78) [27982] Need Digital VFO
by "Jeff Jones" <jeffj@crl.com>

79) [27983] FOX - Who Did/Didnot Get?
by tahrens1@juno.com (Timothy H Ahrens)

80) [27984] Re: Fox #2 Report - Congrats to those who made it
by Chris Cartwright <ccart@dns.vidtel.com>

81) [27985] Re: Fox, we're on a roll
by Bill Howell <bhowell@mail.utexas.edu>

82) [27986] Fox N/T Schedule
by Brad Mugleston <bmug@gwl.com>

83) [27987] Re: Fox North American Challenge!
by Joe Gervais <vole@primenet.com>

84) [27988] Fox Team Challenge - We're Ready!
by "Michael A. Gipe" <mgipe@reliablemeters.com>

85) [27989] Re: Fox Team Challenge - We're Ready!
by Chris Cartwright <ccart@dns.vidtel.com>

86) [27990] Novice/Tech+ Fox Schedule WIP
by adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (Chuck Adams)

87) [27991] Many Thanks!
by Roger Asbury <fnrla@camelot.acf-lab.uaf.edu>

88) [27992] Icom at QRP power
by Kr0i2@aol.com

89) [27993] Minnesota QRP Society Meeting!
by "Claton Cadmus" <aplitech@spacestar.net>

90) [27994] WTD: MFJ 9040
by "Phillip S. Rutledge" <rut@mcrut.mv.com>

91) [27995] (no subject)

by Jim <n2lzi@dreamscape.com>

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 17:00:15 -0600
From: Paul Harden <pharden@aoc.nrao.edu>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27905] Star Party QRPing
Message-ID: <199710022300.RAA11095@zia.aoc.nrao.edu>

Gang,
Tonight thru sunday is our annual "Enchanted Skies Star Party" here under the dark, dark skies of New Mexico. I will be camping out tonight, friday and saturday night at the Pound Ranch (about 15 miles from Socorro). Some of the attendees also camp out there for doing dark sky imaging, cold film photography, etc. Howard Peavy, K9PV, just called me on 2M ... he's got HIS tent up, his IC-706 and a couple of different antennas already in the air. I'm heading out there shortly to get my tent and station on the air.

So listen for either myself NA5N or Howard K9PV from the Pound Ranch (our FYBO QTH by the way). We should be on the air quite a bit the next two evenings until midnight or so, usual CQ QRP frequencies. I'm in charge of the Pound Ranch activities, and looking through the telescopes some of these people bring is interesting ... but it's far more entertaining to be on the air for me and Howard.

I'll be real busy saturday night, but Howard says he'll keep the station manned. Just a fun thing we do in conjunction with the star party. And, you also find out about a third of the amateur astronomers who show up are also hams.

CU, Paul NA5N

Date: Thu, 02 Oct 1997 19:14:44 -0400
From: "Bernard F. Gaffney, Jr." <n8pvz@voyager.net>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27906] MFJ-9420 Info Request Results
Message-ID: <3.0.16.19971002191237.400f37fc@mail.voyager.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
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Received nearly a dozen replies to my query about MFJ-9420 20m SSB rig. All were highly favorable, and everyone seemed pleased. Soo...looks like I'll be using the money I got for selling my HW-9 to pick one up, and maybe

a Hamstick or similar 20m antenna for mobile/portable ops.

Tnx to all who responded.

72/73 de N8PVZ

We are QRP		Bernard F. Gaffney, Jr. N8PVZ
Resistance is futile		MI-QRP# M-1152 QRP-ARCI# 9446
You will be assimilated		n8pvz@voyager.net
		http://www.voyager.net/personal/n8pvz.html

Date: Thu, 02 Oct 1997 16:38:01 +0000
From: Roger Hightower <n7kt@dancris.com>
To: psykey@okcforum.org
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27907] Re: CW - a revival? WSJ
Message-ID: <3433CDE9.77F@dancris.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Jim, WB5UDE posted:

"I've never tried this. I'd imagine that copying Morse from an old clickity-clack telegraph (or a new one, for that matter!) would be difficult or impossible for someone who only knows it as a tone, the way hams use it. How different is "flashed" Morse? Would skill at reading flashlight Morse coincide with skill at reading sine-wave Morse?"

Well, I learned Morse using a RR Sounder, then while in the Navy was able to copy flashing light quite well after a little practice. It's just a matter of training the brain, :-). One of the fun things about fleet operating was to be able to read a tactical signal before the signal bridge called it down.

Most ships use the big lamps with a shutter in front of the lens, but there were also straight keys connected to a pair of yardarm lights. Speeds were necessarily slow, because you gotta give the filaments time to heat up/cool down, or the return spring on the shutter to close.

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72/73, de Roger, N7KT
AK-QRP 167, ARCI 8946, CQC 176, GQRP 9081, NE-QRP 383, NORCAL 1099,
QRP-L 62

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 20:01:41 -0400 (EDT)
From: Mike Duke <K5xu@cris.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27908] SALE! Argonaut 509 with filter and Mic
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.96.971002195235.4414H-1000000@voyager.cris.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

The Argonaut is in reasonable condition, just back from Ten-Tec in May.
They re-built the vfo, re-strung the dial, gave it a general tune-up, and
replaced one of the plastic side pannels.

The filter is the matching 208, and the microphone appears to be the
Ten-Tec mic. The stand says Ten-tec, but I can't find a number on the
mic.

The manual is a bit ragged.

I'll ship it to you in the box which Ten-tec used to return the rig to me.
I prefer to sell, and will take \$250 obo shipped.

Sorry, filter hunters, it's a package deal.

72/73
Mike

AMATEUR RADIO STATION K 5 X U
Jackson, Mississippi

Date: Thu, 02 Oct 1997 19:24:21 -0500
From: Wayne Alexander <walexander@wwn.net>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27909] FOX HUNT
Message-ID: <3.0.3.32.19971002192421.00698484@pop.wwn.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Well it sounds great. I got him again. This is my first and it is fun.
Think I will be hooked from now on. Try not too miss any of them. :)
Hope everyone gets the Fox.

KB0PTE

Wayne

QRP-L # 1058

P.S. Wonder how many in Missouri are trying for the Fox?

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 20:52:39 -0400 (EDT)
From: K5BDZ@aol.com
To: ki6ds@dpol.k12.ca.us, qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27910] Re: Fall Issue of QRPP will be late
Message-ID: <971002205219_1587717920@emout12.mail.aol.com>

Doug

Forget the being late. Thank YOU for the QRPP. It is much appreciated as
are all of you involved in making GREAT things happen to the benefit of us
QRP'ers all!

Bill Hickox, K5BDZ

k5bdz@aol.com

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 21:02:34 -0400
From: Dan Halbert <halbert@bbn.com>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27911] FS: Ham Radio Magazine, QST, QEX, RadCom
Message-ID: <199710030102.VAA20958@franklin.bbn.com>

Grow your technical library by leaps and bounds!

For sale:

Ham Radio Magazine. January 1973 - June 1990 (end of publication).
This is a wonderful technical resource. Missing: April 1973.
\$150 + shipping. I would not want to break up the set.

QST. 1976-1996. \$5/year + shipping. I would prefer to sell
runs of consecutive years.

QEX. My collections starts with issue #15,

April/May 1983 - December 1996. Monthly except for that first issue.
Missing: 10/84, 11/84, 12/85, 1/86, 2/86, 8/89, 9/89, 9/96.
\$35 + shipping for all.

Radio Communication (RadCom), magazine of the Radio Society
of Great Britain. January 1987 - February 1996. Missing:
March 1988, December 1993. Good writing and projects.
QRP column by G3RJV. "Technical Topics" column by G3VA wonderful;
like QRP Quarterly IdeaExchange.
\$60 + shipping for all. I'll throw in some Practical
Wireless and Shortwave Magazine from the mid-80's.

I live in Eastern Massachusetts. If you can pick up or I can
deliver, I'll give you a discount.

I'm selling, regretfully, because our house is too small to hold all this.

Dan Halbert, KB1RT, QRP ARCI, G-QRP, QRP-NE
halbert@bbn.com

(I'm NOT selling my SPRATs or QRP Quarterlies!)

Date: Thu, 02 Oct 1997 20:14:12 -0500
From: "Adam B. Kanis" <adam-kanis@uiowa.edu>
To: brian@ams-i.com
Cc: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27912] Thanks, and good job.
Message-ID: <3.0.3.32.19971002201412.006ab828@molsun.ophth.uiowa.edu>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

brian (and all),

thanks for putting up with my awful sending tonight. when i heard you
come back with my call, i started shaking and my brain turned off. having
been on the air less than a month, lots of things still rattle me. i guess
this fox stuff will train me out of that.
shouldn't be too hard to be more composed next time.

73,
--adam , n2brt

btw-heard K50I on Tuesday (local)- averaged about 449 with lots of fading in
NE Iowa. called whenever he was audible, but no go.

QRP-L - #952

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Adam B. Kanis
adam-kanis@uiowa.edu
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Date: Thu, 02 Oct 1997 21:14:39 EDT
From: n4so@juno.com (charles k brown)
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27913] ALC control of power output
Message-ID: <19971002.081110.4383.3.n4so@juno.com>

ALC control circuits for lowering the output power have been on here
several times in the past.
Ask for alc2.txt if you want a saved text file.

Ken Brown, N4SO
QTH nr Mobile, AL/ EM50tk
qrp-l #622
n4so@juno.com

Date: Thu, 02 Oct 1997 21:08:30 -0400
From: Henry Freedenberg <henryf@quartz.gly.fsu.edu>
To: pharden@aoc.nrao.edu
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27914] Re: Star Party QRPing
Message-ID: <3434458E.40BE@quartz.gly.fsu.edu>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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Paul Harden wrote:

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> Gang,
> Tonight thru sunday is our annual "Enchanted Skies Star Party" here
> under the dark, dark skies of New Mexico.

When do you find the time to astronomize? We typically have a decent
ham turnout at our parties though nowhere near 1/3. I have tried to get
members of the local astronomy club interested in getting licensed but I

have not had any luck. A dedicated 2M link to the dark sky site would be real useful.

Maybe I am going about this wrong. Maybe I ought to try getting some of the local QRP'ers interested in Astronomy?

Henry

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 21:17:03 -0400 (EDT)
From: "L. B. Cebik" <cebik@utkux.utcc.utk.edu>
To: towertalk@contesting.com, QRP-L List <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>, antennas@qsl.net
Subject: [27915] More on stacks
Message-ID: <Pine.SOL.3.94.971002211520.25679B-100000@utkux4.cas.utk.edu>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

I added some further notes regarding maximum front-to-back ratios and other topics to the "Supplemental Stacking Notes" at the site, for those interested in such matters. Hope they are useful.

-73-

LB, W4RNL

L. B. Cebik, W4RNL	/\	/\	*	/	/	/	(Off)	(423)	974-7215
1434 High Mesa Drive	/	\	\	\	----	/\---	(Hm)	(423)	938-6335
Knoxville, Tennessee	/\	\	\	\	/	/		(FAX)	(423) 974-3509
37938-4443 USA	/	\	\	\					cebik@utk.edu
URL: http://funnelweb.utcc.utk.edu/~cebik/radio.html									

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 20:25:45 -0500
From: "William R. Moore" <wr.moore@worldnet.att.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27916] Fox #2
Message-ID: <19971003012606.AAA23329@wrmoorerpc>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Brian has been 589-599+ into north Alabama for the last 1.5 hours tonight. Huge pileup and a great job! He inaugurated my brand new inverted vee, built for fox hunting! Thanks Brian!

72,
Randy, KS4L

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 21:27:47 -0400
From: "Dean Marzocca" <n2tnn@ifu.net>
To: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27917] Fox here
Message-ID: <199710030129.VAA12745@ifu.ifu.net>
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NJ had the big fox signal. WoW 599 and by the sounds of it, I probably = could have worked about 30 other states. I hope this keeps up for the = rest of the season.

Brian, goooooooooood job!!!!!!!

72/73 Dean N2TNN NJ
n2tnn@ifu.net=20

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NJ
n2tnn@ifu.net </P></BODY></HTML>

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Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 21:51:19 -0400 (EDT)
From: JFKluender@aol.com
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27918] FOX: 599 + !
Message-ID: <971002214928_-1930465128@emout18.mail.aol.com>

Gang,

This is my first year on qrp-1 and playing around in the foxhunt, and I'm really having fun. I heard K50I but couldn't work him from Minnesota. But had NO problem working AE9K "next door" in WI. It is no joke that I heard him 599 + 20 on my IC740!

By the way, thanks to everyone who suggested using the ALC jack on my 740 to "qrp-ify" it. It works like a charm, and I can now adjust the power from next-to-nothing up to 5W with a 50 k pot, 33k resistor and 6 V lantern battery set-up.

I can't wait for the next fox!

Joel, NF9K
Shakopee, MN

Date: Thu, 02 Oct 1997 20:44:34
From: Bill Myers <bjmyers@arc.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussions" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27919] FOX !!!!!
Message-ID: <3.0.1.16.19971002204434.3f3fea34@mail.arc.net>

Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Yes Sirs and Madams, it doesn't get any better!

Brian is STILL booming in here in NW Florida at 0146Z.

And the old 40 meter dipole and 3 watts out of the MFJ 9040 did the job right good tonight!

Always said if I could hear them I could work them, hope this continues.

Sounds like I could have worked 45+ of the 50 states tonight, almost everyone sounds great.

AND, I got Brian in time to make our local club meeting and was only 5 minutes late!

THANKS BRIAN, CHUCK, AND EVERYONE ELSE...

Still gonna take the dipole down this weekend and put the extended zepp up, gotta get all the help I can get!

And Randy, K4SL owes me an eardrum! He sounded like he was setting in my driveway.

72/73 to all

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Bill Myers KK4KF Grid - EM60rk
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e-mail <bjmyers@arc.net>
homepage <http://www.nfds.net/~bmyers/>
CHECK OUT THE FISTS INTERNATIONAL CW CLUB U. S. HOMEPAGE
AT <http://www.fists.org>

Date: Thu, 02 Oct 1997 21:54:25 EDT
From: n8var@juno.com (Ronald D Doyle)
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27920] I'm the Fox for October 8, 00:00z to 02:00z
Message-ID: <19971002.205146.4607.0.n8var@juno.com>

That's Tuesday 8:00 EDT for those in the US or thereabouts.

I think that makes me the third fox in line. I am in South/West Ohio just north of Dayton, Ohio. I will be using an Index Labs QRP+ set to 5 watts feeding a 40m horizontal loop up 20 feet. I will start out using an AK-1keyer with a Vibroplex paddle. I have been practicing for a couple of weeks so hopefully I won't butcher cw to bad. In case I get to fouled up I have an MFJ-1278 that I may use as a memory keyer.

You may send as fast as you can as long as it's not faster than 80 wpm.:)

Well, maybe not even that fast. I have been working on my speed since last year too so I am hoping I do better with the pile-ups. I am pretty comfortable at 20 wpm. I have been reading the strategies on the list closely trying to find those tricks that sound like I can pick up easily.

Thanks guys!

The frequency of choice seems to be 7.037 so that's where I will try to start out +- qrm.

The race looks like it's off to an exciting start. It sounds like K50I did a fantastic job and the propagation gods where on his side. The time was pretty late and I missed him. The band is pretty well gone for me by then also. It's almost time for AE9K and I think I hear him getting ready. I can only hope.:) Good luck to all of you hunters and to Brian.

I am looking forward to my night as the FOX. See you then!

Shoot, my daughter got on the phone before I could send this off so now I have to wait.

It's fox time and Brian is there! Man-o-man is the pile-up big! I heard it was big for K50I but I didn't expect anything like this! Brian is doing a real good job picking out calls. Way to go Brian!

Ah shucks, now I've lost him. The hoards are still there but Brian has faded.:)

It's an hour into the hunt now and things are getting pretty quiet. Well, I tried to get him but the pileup was pretty tough and I couldn't get through. I still hear a few callers but most have faded as well.

72 de

Ron Doyle N8VAR
Dayton, Ohio
E-Mail: N8VAR@juno.com
ARCI #9167, NORCAL #1774, QRP-L #263

Date: Thu, 02 Oct 1997 22:00:18 -0400
From: K4AHK@ix.netcom.com
To: fnrla@camelot.acf-lab.uaf.edu
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27921] Re: Alaska QRP.
Message-ID: <343451B1.43A9@ix.netcom.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Your friends have a lot to learn about QRP communication ! Back when the sun spot cycle was high, I was able to confirm DXCC with a Ten-Tec Argonaut at 2 watts output using attic dipoles. It ain't that hard when conditions are good and the feeling of accomplishment of talking around the world using less power than your flashlight consumes is great. If you have access to the web, check out The Alaska QRP Club at

<http://www2.polarnet.com/~akqrp/>

Get on the air and have a ball !

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 19:00:35 -0700 (MST)
From: Bob Hightower <ki7mn@dancris.com>
To: Joe Gervais <vole@primenet.com>
Cc: azqrp@user1.dancris.com, qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27922] Re: fox
Message-ID: <199710030200.TAA23365@dancris.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

At 06:23 PM 10/2/97 -0700, you wrote:

Got him at 6:15pm.

>

>35 minutes left - Floyd, heard you work him early.

>Seems like he's using his RIT more now, which

>should help. Best of luck to the rest of you!

>

Never did get him....too many tuner-uppers on his freq, one for an awful long time. The crowd seemed to be a bit unruly tonite, as well..not waiting for him to finish a contact before they started sending.

73,

Bob, KI7MN Chandler, AZ ScQRPion QRP-L #271, NorCal #1228, CQC #274, QRP
ARCI #8918, AK QRP #30, not in any order of importance.

33.334500N -111.87260W

<http://www.dancris.com/~ki7mn>

WIMPS: QSO's=19 30=19 17=0 12=0 States=15/0/0 DX=0/0/0 QSL's=7

Date: Thu, 02 Oct 1997 20:16:20 -0600

From: "Timothy J. Pettibone" <tpettibo@nmsu.edu>

To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU

Subject: [27923] FOX - not tonite!

Message-ID: <3.0.3.32.19971002201620.00691098@dante.nmsu.edu>

Mime-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Gang:

See, it all works out. The YF (the politically correct term for XYL) reminded me that I was to take her to dinner tonite. So I did, but we did leave at 2315Z (that's 5:15pm local time). Although a mite earlier than usual she didn't get suspicious until I started looking at my watch around 0030Z. Then she asked me "What's up, another fox hunt?" Dashing home, I get the rig on around 0115z and immediately find the pileup with Brian peaking S5 or so. But it wasn't to be. I guess it's my retribution for not working everybody that called me on the 1st.

Are we having fun yet?

Tim K5OI

Date: Thu, 02 Oct 1997 19:22:26 +0000

From: Roger Hightower <n7kt@dancris.com>

To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU

Subject: [27924] FOX: Some suggestions

Message-ID: <3433F472.267@dancris.com>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

If you can't handle criticism, then hit the "delete" key now.

Since I didn't have the opportunity to join the first hunt, I looked forward to this evening....but thought I'd listen to the pileup first. I have to say I was disappointed. The difference between previous years and this year is that there seems to be many more hunters and a lot less discipline.

Fox hunting is like chasing rare DX or getting that needed multiplier in a contest: You have to listen first, then take your shot. Send your call not more than two times, and LISTEN. Many hunters are sending their call three or more times in succession, and just adding to the QRM.

Brian did a FB job sorting things out, and was obviously copying more than one call before responding. When he would complete one contact and send "nw (callsign)" many hunters took that chance to send their call. Come on, folks...he's trying for a specific station. If you didn't hear the "nw (callsign)" then you have no business calling, because you didn't hear the fox.

Lots of people got stepped on during an exchange by other hunters throwing their callsign out in the middle of the exchange. Maybe they couldn't hear, but that's no excuse. If you can't hear, don't send.

There have been a few recent posts on fox and hunter tactics....it might be a good idea for the authors to repost those. Better yet, get a copy of Bob Locher's (W9KNI) book "The Complete DX'er" and read it. The same operating procedures and tactics for DX apply to fox hunting.

I don't know why, but I don't recall much of this kind of stuff from previous years. Fox hunting can be a lot of fun, and as Chuck said in his Announcement posting, it's to "show off operating skills, develop operating skills,....." etc. I hope it gets better.

Flame suit is on, so fire away.

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72/73, de Roger, N7KT
AK-QRP 167, ARCI 8946, CQC 176, GQRP 9081, NE-QRP 383, NORCAL 1099,
QRP-L 62

Date: Thu, 02 Oct 1997 21:20:14 -0700
From: David Bixler <qrp@netins.net>
To: walexander@wwn.net
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27925] FOX HUNT
Message-ID: <3434727E.6A32@netins.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Wayne Alexander wrote:

>

> P.S. Wander how many in Missouri are trying for the Fox?

Hello Wayne, Brian and the gang:

Here's one in the show-me state that is trying.

Brian had a BIG signal into the southwest corner of the state tonight. I had to run to town with my oldest son and didn't get to the shack till 0145. Only had 15 minutes to snag the wiley rascal. Got him just as the time expired at 0159!!!!

Great job Brian. I like your technique of copying several calls then working them one at a time. That saves a lot of time and makes the pile-ups easier to manage. I hope other Foxes adopt that method.

72,

Dave Bixler W0CH (the Mulefox)
Seneca, MO
qrp@netins.net

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 19:21:42 -0700 (MST)
From: Bob Hightower <ki7mn@dancris.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27926] Buzz-not
Message-ID: <199710030221.TAA25206@dancris.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

OK, I give up. With the intermittent (at the worst times, too) buzzing from a faulty street lamp that they can't find or fix, I need a buzz-not. I thought Roy had them, but can't get to his site (says no DNS entry).

Who handles them? Any leads gratefully appreciated.

73,

Bob, KI7MN Chandler, AZ ScQRPion QRP-L #271, NorCal #1228, CQC #274, QRP
ARCI #8918, AK QRP #30, not in any order of importance.

33.334500N -111.87260W

<http://www.dancris.com/~ki7mn>

WIMPS: QSO's=19 30=19 17=0 12=0 States=15/0/0 DX=0/0/0 QSL's=7

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 22:19:00 -0400
From: Ricky McNelly <72507.235@compuserve.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27927] Fox booming in VA, no QSL
Message-ID: <199710022222_MC2-22A4-8985@compuserve.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Disposition: inline

To: > INTERNET:qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU

The Fox was solid 599 in VA the last hour he was up, but I
couldn't get in. Couldn't hear most of those he was working either.
Next time!

72/73's,

--Rick, KE4IZH

Chesapeake, VA 10/02/97.

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 19:25:23 -0700 (PDT)
From: Jim W7LS <w7ls@brigadoon.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27928] Gobs of Heath QRP 4 sale/trade
Message-ID: <199710030225.TAA20831@k2.brigadoon.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Hi, gang. With loads of trepidation, or however you spell it (public school education... sorry) I am offering several Heathkit qrp rigs for sale or trade. Here's the list:

HW-9 80-10 meter transceiver with WARC bands installed

Receives well, but way low output. Likely culprit it the final. Could only be a tuneup needed. Dunno. Too busy to look into it and don't want to look at another unfinished project. Looks very nice. No scratches to speak of. Maybe minor scratching if you stoop over and look close. Haven't seen any, as yet.

HW-7 40/20/15 meter transceiver.

Looks average. No scratches (I checked). Only known mods are the power connector was bypassed, but I'll throw in a new one. That will back that mod out 100%. A toggle switch was installed on the rear for unknown reason. Disconnected electrically. BNC for output instead of the original RCA phono jack. I'd leave it in. Better connector. Receives well. Puts out power. Unsure how much. Don't have any more time to look into it.

HM-9 Wattmeter

I have two of these. Have one book. Can make a copy for the other one. Works, to the best of my knowledge. One has a LED installed so you can read the meter. May actually be a normal part of the unit. Unsure. Again, too dang busy to look into it. Really don't like being this busy. These units are built for the HF bands. They can be built for VHF, but they are in HF mode, now.

HFT-9 Antenna Tuner

The book is on the way to me. At least it's supposed to be on the way. Works fine. Basic, simple, antenna tuner. T configuration, probably.

HD-1422 Antenna Noise Bridge

Basically, like the Palomar noise bridges. Same idea. Built in the HW-9 colors and case style. Works fine. I have a copy of the book for it.

HWA-7-1 Power Supply

Made to operate the HW-7 or HW-8 in those colors. It is exactly the same power supply as one for the HW-9, except for the colors, to the best of my knowledge. Zat right, guys? Oh, it works just fine.

Ten Tec Century 21

80-10 meter cw transceiver. Receives fine, but finals seem to be shorted. RF Parts has a matched pair for \$25. As before, another unfinished project I don't need. Looks nice and clean, too.

Well, that's it for now. If I said it works, I stand behind it. If I identified a problem, so be it. I'd like to take offers on this stuff, right

now. I do swap stuff around, so I'd listen to swap offers, providing that the rigs have nothing wrong with them. Like I said, I am too busy to fix things, right now. Whatcha got?

73 for now de Jim, W7LS

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 22:38:28 -0400 (EDT)
From: fmathews@norfolk.infi.net (Frank Matthews)
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27929] Finished Supper...and the Pixie2!
Message-ID: <v01530505b059d2879d8f@[208.131.170.223]>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Fellow QRP-Ler's

Well, after supper I went out to the workbench and built the Pixie2. Worked first time! I could even hear a few stations but didn't go back to them as I had the key, antenna, and headphones "roughwired" (is that a word?) and just wanted to test the circuit. Did a test fit using the famous "ALTOIDS" tin and the board fits great along with a battery and jacks for the key and headphones. Think I'll use a BNC connector for the antenna. Sound OK?...or does anyone have some other suggestion I should consider?

Try one if you haven't already, this little circuit is lots of fun and has some potential!

Frank

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KC4FKX QRP-L #1079 CQC #434 NorCal #2232 AK/QRP #199
Grid Square FM16

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 22:47:57 -0400 (EDT)
From: Chris Cartwright <ccart@dns.vidtel.com>
To: QRP Reflector <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27930] Re: FOX !!!!!
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.3.93.971002223513.2537A-100000@dns.vidtel.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

On Thu, 2 Oct 1997, Bill Myers wrote:

> And Randy, K4SL owes me an eardrum! He sounded like he was setting in my
> driveway.

Actually, NF3I *was* in my driveway! Stopped over to pick up my SD-20.
Now if I can just get the needle from the HW-9 dug out of the wall...

Brian was 10 over at the beginning of the night here in MD, faded a
little in the middle, but don't think I heard him drop below about a 549.
Had a blast! Can't wait to do it again. Chuck you hooked another one :)

-- Chris Cartwright, Technical Engineer | ccart@vidtel.com --
-- N3XRV ARRL-VE QRP WAS 20/10(w/c) | ccart@erols.com --
-- QRP-L #655 NORCAL #1891 QRP-ARCI #???? | <http://dns.vidtel.com/~ccart> --

Date: Thu, 02 Oct 1997 22:42:49 EDT
From: kb0rol@juno.com (Bradley L Mugleston)
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27931] WSJ and code
Message-ID: <19971002.193419.6999.1.kb0rol@juno.com>

I can't believe it. I read the article in the Journal and now it looks
like I'm doing the in thing. I hate it when that happens but no one is
going to ruin it for me, not this time. I'm going to send an article to
the Journal telling them it's not true. Some one was feeding them a
line. I really don't want to start having a QSO with a Buffy or a Chet.
Everything will be speld correctly. Soon we'll have disigner keys in
pastel colors. No way, not with my fun.

Ya'll got to help the cause. Write your Congress Man. Take it to the
streets.

Please!!!!

de KB0ROL, Brad

Long Live the FOX

Date: Thu, 02 Oct 1997 22:42:49 EDT
From: kb0rol@juno.com (Bradley L Mugleston)
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27932] Fox - Thanks
Message-ID: <19971002.193419.6999.0.kb0rol@juno.com>

Brian,

Thanks for the hunt. It was a wild one. I spied you at 0200 and you were right where you said you would be but you were a sly one. I chased you for one solid hour but no response. I don't know how you did it but you were able to pick out calls from that mess. I changed radios and antennas but it was no good. I could hardly find you in all the mess so back to my Kenwood with all its filters.

You were still there so I started adjusting my frequency, lower and lower I went. One full KHz down I went then with less than 10 minutes left I heard ROL. I couldn't believe it so I sent KB0ROL ? and you came right back with the exchange - the same one I'd heard all night. I gave you both barrels and you signed off and on to another.

Tell me Brian, it seemed you heard a couple of calls and answered them back - amazing. I had a hard enough time picking out one in the crowd.

Now that I'm up playing with the big boys I'm hearing things I haven't heard before. Like after you exchange you would send BK then the other station would reply with BK then their exchange - is this standard? I need to learn all the tricks.

Tell us what your rig and filters were. Were you so narrow you could only hear those who were right on, or was it just the luck of the draw you replied to me when you did?

One last thing, did it seem to you there were a LOT of 5 calls out there? Sure did to me. Must be some secret weapon.

Thanks, I don't know how you did it - it was solid all night.

de KB0ROL, Brad

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 97 20:48:19 MDT
From: af852@rgfn.epcc.Edu (William R Colbert)
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27933] fox
Message-ID: <9710030248.AA21442@rgfn.epcc.Edu>

Wow, almost let the time slip by - watching a Wild Bill Elliot movie and did not watch the time. fortunately it ended with enough time for fox hunting. Tuned to 7037 and listened to the buzz going on and there was Brian - AE9K fending off the hunters with great skill. Thanks to Brian for a job well done, very skillful job of handling a LARGE pileup, and enjoyed tagging the first official fox of the season (for me). Good show all.
73
Ray

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Ray Colbert, W5XE
00TC 3618, SOWP 1064M
El Paso, Tx (Far West Texas)
(also: v31xe@dzn.com)

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 19:55:55 -0700 (PDT)
From: doug hauff <slmachco@fix.net>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27934] 38S Custom Enclosure Parts!
Message-ID: <199710030255.TAA06049@fletch.fix.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Holy Guacamole! Buried in 38 Special Custom Enclosure orders! And my Vertical Machining Center is down!(wasted y-axis angular thrust bearing!) Still looking to get 'em out in a few weeks, tho...But just as I was thinkin' to post the compatable parts list, I got a request to do just that, so you guys can get going...

M = Mouser
RS = Radio Shack
AE = All Electronics

Tune pot	M 313-1000-100k
RIT pot	M 313-1000-10k
RF Gain pot	M 313-1000-1k
RIT Switch SPDT	AE SMTS-4
	RS 275-645
Power Jack	RS 274-1583
Power plug	RS 274-1573
Key jack	274-246
Phone jack	161-3402
TiCK switch	275-1548
Antenna Conn BNC	AE BNC-1094

Sorry for the delay, I'm crankin'!

73 Doug KE6RIE

 Date: Thu, 02 Oct 1997 20:57:46 -0600
 From: "Phil, K6LS" <k6ls@amsat.org>
 To: ki7mn@dancris.com
 Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
 Subject: [27935] Re: Buzz-not
 Message-ID: <3434511A.57E5@amsat.org>
 MIME-Version: 1.0
 Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
 Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Bob Hightower wrote:

>
 > Who handles them? Any leads gratefully appreciated.
 >

If I am not misstaken, the buzz-not is a N6KR design, there should be some coverage in a past issue of QRPp. Probably would have to scrounge up the parts yourself ! Cant help with back issue search till I get moved into the new house. Maybe someone else can assist !?!

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 73 de Phil, K6LS/0
 QRP-L #612 NorCal #824
 CQC #471 ARCI #8866
 k6ls@qsl.net <or> k6ls@amsat.org

DM79or, Arapahoe County, Colorado
ITU zone 7, CQ zone 4
<http://www.qsl.net/k6ls>

Date: Fri, 03 Oct 1997 03:11:23 GMT
From: n4js@amsat.org (John Sielke)
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27936] Oileup
Message-ID: <343461e1.1130413@mail.cyberenet.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

WOW! What a pileup on Brian! He was working it like a pro, though.
(Even though it took me an hour to get him!), He stayed 579-599 here
in NJ.=20

Great job, Brian!

John L. Sielke	n4js@amsat.org	n4js@pobox.com
n4js@qsl.net	NJ Grid:FM29LN	
http://www.qsl.net/n4js		
NJ-QRP #57	QRP-L #884	QRP-ARCI AKQRP
NE-QRP #507	G-QRP #9544	NorCal #1989 CQC CQRP QCWA FISTS #2781

Date: Thu, 02 Oct 1997 20:14:57 +0000
From: Roger Hightower <n7kt@dancris.com>
To: ki7mn@dancris.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27937] Re: Buzz-not
Message-ID: <343400C1.3033@dancris.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Wilderness Radio handles it. There's a pointer to them at:

<http://www.dancris.com/~ki7mn>

: -), :-)

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72/73, de Roger, N7KT
AK-QRP 167, ARCI 8946, CQC 176, GQRP 9081, NE-QRP 383, NORCAL 1099,
QRP-L 62

Date: Thu, 02 Oct 1997 19:11:01 -0700
From: David Shalita <af389@lafn.org>
To: unlisted-recipients;; (no To-header on input)
Cc: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU, Ham-Homebrew@ucsd.edu
Subject: [27938] Use Excel with Quattro Pro
Message-ID: <34345435.2BCA@lafn.org>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Every so often I see an electronic design aid implemented with EXCEL spreadsheet. I only own Quattro Pro spreadsheet but have been told there are macros or other schemes that allow Quattro Pro to execute EXCEL design tools.

I am looking for those macros or other schemes allowing Quattro Pro to run EXCEL design aids. Also looking for sites with RF and Audio design aids built with EXCEL.

Thanks for any thoughts.

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Dave Shalita,
af389@lafn.org
Van Nuys, CA

Date: Fri, 03 Oct 1997 03:33:54 GMT
From: n4js@amsat.org (John Sielke)
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27939] Oilup?????? + 38S encl.
Message-ID: <343566aa.2355203@mail.cyberenet.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 05:10:42 +0100
From: adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (Chuck Adams)
To: grp-l@Lehigh.EDU

Subject: [27941] FOXHUNT, FOX #2

Message-ID: <199710030410.FAA06689@chuck.dallas.sgi.com>

Gang,

Wow, what a pileup! Brian did a fantastic job of working through as many as he could.

I typed in a reply to the group on Roger's posting. No flame suit needed Roger. But the modem terminated me in midstream.

Here are a couple of friendly suggestions, in case my other posting doesn't make it. I had finished the hunt, worked a few guys and moved up to 30M. Got setup and worked a VE7 on Salt Spring Island with my 0.95W on the GM-30. Thinking that I was closer to getting the illusive KL7 I started the CMOS III into the CQ mode. WHAM!! Modem disconnects in an unfriendly manner during the email session. RF and modems don't mix. Maybe I had better thinking about a ground system after all.

Here are some suggestions:

1. QSK is a must.
2. Send your call only once.
3. Listen for fox in the middle of your sending.
4. QSK is a must.
5. Fox should after the first 15 minutes speed up his/her sending of the text. Hey, we all have it memorized and written down in our log. :-) 559 WI BRIAN NR58 BK
I'll be having nightmares in Morse.....
6. Brian was a gentleman and thanked each person by name. I don't think he'll be doing that on his next round. Why? He'll figure out that he might have gotten another 15-20% more Q's in two hours. :-) Not a criticism Brian, you did a great job. I always say that education is expensive no matter how you get it. You'll note that he picked a speed and nicely maintained the rhythm. Worked for him. Bet his speed went up, 'cuz I heard some guys come back faster at the end and he caught them just fine.
7. I like Roger's suggestion on reading Bob Lockher's "The Complete DX'er" published by Idiom Press (that name ring a bell?). Lot's of good operating tips. I read this entire book every three to four months. It is an easy read. It's about people. I also read Ade Weiss's two books on QRP several times a year. Hope that he will get the other book back into print. I love these books. If I wanted to read technical stuff I work through all the problems again in Jackson's

"Classical Electrodynamics" or Arfken's "Mathematical Methods for Physicists".....

QRPers are technically oriented and spend a lot of time building and tinkering. That's good. They also need to operate and this where the idea for the foxhunt began.

8. Now you see why I have a two hour limit!! We've all been working all day, we rush home (I really thought that the time interval that Brian picked would help out TX vs. CA, but I see that there were a lot of the old 6's out there pounding into this part of the country. They must have figured out a way to beat the traffic on the freeways!), and we pound brass for two hours trying to nail another pelt to the shack wall. You can't say that this group is not dedicated and really mean it. Brian and the others wouldn't be able to get away if it were not for the time limit.
9. Let's all relax and remember that we don't want this exercise to degrade into a nasty scenario. It is tough and we all learn from it. Play fair, share, and take a nap after lunch and hold hands crossing the street.
10. The later foxes or more experienced ones will use RIT and start spreading the hunters off their frequency. Then carefully move to the edges of the pileup and pickoff the hunters in groups. Read Bob's book.
11. Brian's Q-count should be high. Make sure if you need his QSL to SASE. I have asked the foxii to QSL whenever requested so that the elusive confirmation is in the bag. Think we can get the ARRL to use the foxes post as a QSL? :-)
12. At about 0148, there were a series of stations that Brian called that did not come back. I worked Brian by waiting 3 seconds to 4 seconds and inserting my call. I could hear coast to coast (the band was good and Brian was 599 at times) and the station he was calling. So listen listen and figure out a plan while you are sitting there. Take notes.

If you have tried at this time four hours and not had any luck, don't panic but think about what the other guys are doing. Maybe your antenna system wasn't oriented the right direction or propagation was in general bad. Hang in there. Check the antenna system and the rig out again and again.

So just some friendly hints and not meant as a flame towards anyone. As long as this exercise has been going there is still something new to learn every season. Let's all grow together.

I think the CA stations were at a strategy meeting and almost didn't make it home in time. :-)

FYI es again BRIAN AE9K WI NR58, many thanks
Chuck Adams K5FO CP-60 adams@sgi.com
<http://reality.sgi.com/adams/index.html>

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 21:40:05 -0700 (PDT)
From: Monte Stark <ku7y@sage.dri.edu>
To: QRP-L <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27942] Fox
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.90.971002212955.10997C-1000000@vortex>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Good Job Brian!

You were weak here in NV, even with the good antenna. Noise was hitting S9 from the nearby storms.

As the newer hunters listen to the pile up, notice that there are some of us who have hunted many times that still manage to screw up!!

I even thought Brian came back to me once and was sending my report to him when I heard him come back on!! (Thanks QSK!) I crawled out under the door and hid for a bit until the blood drained from my face a little!!

And I think I called on top of Brian a time or two.

When the station you are hunting is weak and there are lots of hunters calling this will happen.

Keeping your calls short help reduce the confusion. And did I mention QSK?? :-) Those with the fancy rice boxes can gain more control and faster QSK by shutting the AGC OFF. With the AGC off use the RF gain control instead of the AF gain.

About 45 minutes into the hunt I decided to increase the power from 950mW to 5w.

Finally got through! I was the second call he had picked up and was suprized when I heard "nw ku7y"! Wheeeeeee.....

Thanks Brian.

I came home early cuz I was (am) kinda sick feeling, but getting the fox helped!!

cul,

73, Ron, SOWP 5545M,

.....KU7Y.....ARCI #8829.....Monte "Ron" Stark.....
....ku7y@sage.dri.edu.....Washoe Lake, Nevada....
....QRP-L #17...ARS #49...NorCal #330.....NRA LIFE.....

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 22:08:44 -0700 (PDT)
From: doug hauff <slmachco@fix.net>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27943] RAINBOW ENCLOSURE!!!
Message-ID: <199710030508.WAA23367@fletch.fix.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Even tho there was some stuffing of the ballot box, there really weren't all that many yes votes for the proposed Rainbow Enclosure...so I decided to do it anyway. Most all that answered were pretty supportive (Thanks Guys!), and the New Jersey boys said they would buy six each, so what the heck...BUT be aware, I'm swamped, my machining center is down for a few days, and if I don't get some TOP SECRET stuff done I might as well leave the state, so it ain't gonna happen overnite! Plan is to have prototype box in a month.
Basic Specs:

Size - 4.5 x 2.375 x 1.0 - may vary alittle, not much tho

included Coil tap jumpers replaced by spdt sub-mini switches, not

Trim cap replaced with variable, WILL BE INCLUDED WITH ENCLOSURE
Drilled for BNC - in, screw terminals - out

be visible Designed for use with 'N' 12v battery in N holder, LED's to
for bridge in-out from outside of enclosure, dpdt sub-mini switch

Outrageous brite anodized finish with engraved labels
Shooting for cost of about \$25 with variable cap

Mods will make Rainbow truly pocketable, practical, ruff tuff tuner...

Final specs and cost etc TO BE ANNOUNCED. PLEASE SEND NO ORDERS YET!

73 Doug KE6RIE (how do you know you can't live without TV[vast wasteland]? ever tried it? go ahead and trash it!!)

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 22:54:33 -0700 (MST)
From: Joe Gervais <vole@primenet.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27944] FOX: Don't give up
Message-ID: <199710030554.WAA24165@usr08.primenet.com>

Howdy Folks,

Nice job Brian - man it was *rough* out there tonight!
For those of you in your first Fox season, don't despair if you're Foxless so far. I could swear that was the biggest pack of hounds I've ever heard in the hunt. You could've done everything right and *still* not have gotten through in the two hours. Band was wide open to every corner of the continent almost the entire time. Ever see what happens when there's only one donut at a technical review? :-)

Despite my best efforts, there was one time when I sent my call only to hear Brian come up in the middle of an exchange. :-(With QSB and a huge pack, it was a tricky situation.

By the time the first hour had passed, I was all but resigned to going Foxless, but with 40 minutes left Brian picked my mediocre sig out of the RF wall. Thanks Brian! But if I hadn't bagged the Fox, I wouldn't have taken it too hard. As Floyd said, skill could only take you so far in a situation like tonight. The rest was up to luck.

Both Ron KU7Y and Duffey KK6MC/5 were booming into AZ - 599 alot of the time. And there were more 579 sigs than I could count! Sure wish it had been a Spartan Sprint night. :-)

After the hunt, decided I needed to decompress so I tuned up the band and found K0FX/QRP calling "CQ QRP".

Works for me. :-)) Don in Denver was peaking my meter at S9+ for much of our chat, then our path collapsed and he was gone. Just like a Fox, actually.

See you on the air tomorrow for some non-stressful ragchews? :))

Cheers de AB7TT,

-Joe, vole@primenet.com, AZ ScQRPions (Phoenix)

"'Fraid nobody around here, understands my potato;
Think I'm only a Spudboy, looking for a real tomato." -DEVO

Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 03:49:18 -0400 (EDT)
From: G3TUX@aol.com
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27945] Key ideas
Message-ID: <971003034916_-793152258@emout15.mail.aol.com>

My pal Jimmy, G3HBN, made a cheap twin lever paddle by mounting a couple of bell pushes back to back. Held in the palm of the hand, it gives a whole new meaning to squeeze keying. If you want a classy version, invest in brass trimmed pushes.

BTW, Jimmy will be operating QRP from ZB2 from mid October for a couple of weeks (Index + HF bands mag. loop)

73, Chris G3TUX

Date: Fri, 03 Oct 1997 08:07:35 -0500
From: Christopher Moore <christopher.moore@snet.net>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27946] Spartan Strategy
Message-ID: <1.5.4.16.19971003130735.2c2f4fe2@mail.snet.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

With double credit for 80 meter QSOs on this month's Spartan Sprint, I plan to spend a lot of time on 3560. For those of us in the Northeast who've had a tough time hunting foxes at long range with our spud guns, here's a chance to have some QRP fun.

72/73 Chris W1GM

Date: Fri, 03 Oct 1997 13:12:10 +0100
From: ea8yu Goran Hosinsky <rodriguez@jet.es>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27947] Re: Key Ideas?
Message-ID: <1.5.4.32.19971003121210.0066f4f0@jet.es>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

I use two keyboard push buttons on the rig itself (with a TiCK keyer inside). Can be used as keyer or straight key (program selectable). Use two fingers to send, for example index finger for dots, next finger for dashes. Idea stolen from the Kitano key.

Saludos
Goran ea8yu

17:42 2/10/97 -0400, you wrote:
>Fellow QRP-Ler's
>
> Does anyone have an innovative key idea that could be put to use
>for a small qrp rig. I'm in the process of completing my Pixie2 and am not
>

Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 05:42:39 -0700 (PDT)
From: camqrp@cyberg8t.com (Cam Hartford)
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27948] ARCI Fall QSO Party
Message-ID: <199710031242.FAA25239@key.cyberg8t.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Gang -

The ARCI Fall QSO Party happens October 18 -19. That's two weeks from this weekend, for those of us who are calendar challenged.

I've added a couple new classes of operation:

Portable Operation; The desire to get out and set up in the wild has blossomed of late, as evidenced by the proliferation of "A-Field" type contests. People also seem to want to either Freeze or Burn off parts of their anatomy. In response, I have created an entry class to recognize these folk, and to give them an opportunity to spend an entire weekend out there doing just those things. Entries in the Portable class will be scored as regular entries but will be reported separately as the Team class now is.

Multi-Op Class; I have had several requests for this type operation, so here it is. This is the one where all the QRPers invade the local big-gun contest station, throw all the Leen-yars on the floor and set up their small-but-mighty peanut whistles to go at it for the weekend. All the while blowing the minds of the local big guns who always knew it couldn't be done. I'll list these entries separately as Multi-op, Single transmitter and Multi-Op, Multi-transmitter.

Condensed rules follow, full rules appear in the October Quarterly and will shortly be posted to the ARCI Web page.

72/73,

Cam Hartford, N6GA
QRP ARCI Contest Manager

QRP ARCI Fall QSO Party, CW, sponsored by QRP ARC International, 1200Z October 18 to 2400Z October 19, 1997. Single band, all band, high band (20, 15, 10 and 6 meters) or low band (160, 80 and 40). Operate no more than 24 hours. Work stations once per band. Exchange signal report, state/province/ DXCC country and ARCI number (if member) or power out (if nonmember). 1.810, 3.560 3.710 7.040 7.110 14.060 21.060 21.110 28.060 28.110 50.128. QSO points: 5 pts for QSO with member, 2 pts for non-member, same continent, and 4 pts for nonmember, different continent. Multiply total QSO points (all bands) by total S/P/Cs (all bands) by power multiplier (> 5 W output, X1; <5 W output, X 7; <1 W output, X 10; < 250 MW output, X 15). Mail entry (SASE for results) to QRP ARCI Contest Manager, Cam Hartford, N6GA, 1959 Bridgeport Ave., Claremont, CA 91711.

Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 08:45:15 -0400
From: John McKee <JMckee@RFMD.COM>
To: "'QRP-L'" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27949] How much gain for an HF preamp?

Message-ID:

<c=US%a=_%p=RF_Micro_Devices%l=PACHACUTEC-971003124515Z-124@proxy1.rfmd.com>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hello Gang,

I'm interested in building a small receiving loop for 80 meters. Have any of you guys ever used this type of antenna? I was wondering how much gain I need in the receive preamp?

Tnx es 72

John WB4OFT
jmckee@rfmd.com

Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 08:49:57 -0400 (EDT)
From: JCoote@aol.com
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27950] Fwd: CIA special events station
Message-ID: <971003084947_998093672@emout09.mail.aol.com>

In a message dated 97-10-01 23:51:58 EDT, cornea@vsta.com writes:

<< kDoes anyone have the QSL info on the CIA special events station on 30 meters this weekend?
>>

I would also like to know more about this.

Thanks

J. Coote
W6CJ

Forwarded message:
From: cornea@vsta.com (Addi Pittman)
Sender: owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Reply-to: cornea@vsta.com
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU (Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion)
Date: 97-10-01 23:51:58 EDT

kDoes anyone have the QSL info on the CIA special events station on 30

meters this weekend?

Thanks, Bob KC5HLO

Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 09:23:56 -0400 (EDT)
From: George Gingell <k3tks@u1.abs.net>
To: "Watson R. Gabriel Jr." <wgabriel@Duke-Energy.com>
Cc: QRP List <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>, "N.J. QRP Club List Server" <njqrp@njqrp.org>, G-QRP Club E-mail Reflector <gqrp-l@blacksheep.org>
Subject: [27951] Comments on Post to QRP-L
Message-ID: <Pine.BSI.3.96.971003090029.18115A-100000@u1.abs.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Hi Gabriel,

Just a short note of thanks for the bit of Humor that you added to QRP List last night. I about fell out of my chair laughing.

I often think that we take this stuff a bit too serious at times.

A bit of FUN & :^) is a welcome break.

Welcome to the Wonderful World of QRP and feel free to contact me any time you think I may be able to help you. I am still renovating my basement in hope of getting my QRP Reference Library set up again.

I have a rather extensive collection of QRP Periodicals and other Technical books. We are somewhat limited on Manuals and certain older publications. We are always looking for donations to the library. Especially older QRP Publications.

Speaking of which, I have recently heard some wonderful news. "The JOY of QRP" is being reprinted and will be available shortly. I will post a note to everyone as soon as I receive the details from Ade Weiss, W0RSP.

This is a "CLASSIC" book that belongs in every QRP/Homebrew Library.

I am also trying to convince Ade to put it on CD-ROM along with his other Book "The History of QRP" and The MILLIWATT National Journal of QRPP.

Again, that is something for the future. However, you can purchase both

books from Ade Weiss, W0RSP <aweiss@Sunflowr.usd.edu>, I recommend contacting Ade for details on availability. Did I mention that I highly recommend the books? Did I mention that Tom Arvo, WA8DXD <arvo@arvo.com> has the "Milliwatt CD-ROM" for sale right now for \$ 24.95 ? This is NOT the Trilogy of QRP, that is a Future possibility.

Gee, this has almost gotten to be a review/advertisement. Oh, Well so be it, This is good stuff and I recommend it personally. No, I don't have any financial connection with either Ade or Tom, but that is an acceptable possiability for the future :^).

TKS, George/Danny Gingell, K3TKS

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ARCI #4368 G-1290 M-192 NE-28 NW-14 NorCaL-926 CQC-349 FB-51 MDMW #1
QRP-L #216 CQrp-42 AK-Qrp #195 AR-158 ARS-176 KL-Qrp LI-Qrp NJ-Qrp #78
QCWA #23739 ARRL CP-25 WAS-QRPp WMA-500 QNI-1000 Milliwatt Master
KnightLites Milliwatt Award - K.M.W.A. - Milliwatt Beacon Hunters Awards
"A MD ScQRPion" "QRP Quarterly Back Issues for Sale" <K3TKS@abs.net>

Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 09:30:45 -0400
From: "Wilford D. Lindsey" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>
To: QRP-L Discussion Group <QRP-L@Lehigh.EDU>, "W.D. (Doc) Lindsey/K0EVZ" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>
Subject: [27952] FS:ARGO 525 (pristine)
Message-ID: <199710030931_MC2-22A7-A36C@compuserve.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Disposition: inline

Gang:

I have decided to part with my much loved and well cared for Ten-Tec Argosy 525. This is a tough decision for me, to sell this absolutely pristine rig. For one thing, it is a proven FOX hunter!

Here are the facts:

Ten-Tec Argosy 525 fully loaded (so you don't have to hunt!):
Matching #225 power supply and power cable
#219 250hz CW filter
#220 2.4Khz 8-pole crystal IF Filter
#223A Noise Blanker
#224 Audio CW Filter (built by Embedded Research, identical in operation and appearance to original Ten-Tec version. Ten-Tec has approved/certified this filter to meet their specs.)
#1126 Linear Relay
#215 Microphone with original matching stand
#226 Crystal Calibrator (this is an extremely hard to find item)
Original manual, original shipping box
Brand new Radio Adventures Company digital readout w/cable

This is a fully loaded rig. Has everything you need to get started right out of the box. You won't have to hunt for years for accessories, some of which are tough to locate, if ever. It took a long time to assemble this package.

Rig is front-panel adjustable down to QRP levels. It is capable of QRO, as well. Many of you have heard it and even worked it during contests and day-to-day DXing and ragchewing.

Transceiver is in pristine, mint condition. There are absolutely no external marks of any kind. Looks like it just came out of the box. It has been meticulously cared for in every way. Has never been used mobile or in outdoor/portable situations.

Asking \$590.00 for the unit, including UPS shipping in the CONUS. Several guys are looking but have spoken for it yet. So if you are interested, please let me know. Thanks.

72/73,

--Doc/K0EVZ qrp-1 861 norcal 2050 cqc 414 ARS 311 mn-qrp 19 nj-qrp 69
ak/qrp 139 AR QRP 73 ARCI 9398 ARRL WAS 48/38 DXCC 53/42 <><
FOX total 10/2/97 = 2 of 2. No N/T+ FOXes have run yet.

OMNI V Sierra Argosy 525 Argo 515 Norcal 40a SW-40 49er 38S
Mercury Paddles Emtech ZM-1 MFJ 259 MFJ 941D GAP TNT/2 Windom
SLV/W6MMA G5RV Autek QF-1 RS DSP-40

"Things should be as simple as possible, but no simpler"--A. Einstein

Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 09:38:35 -0400 (EDT)
From: George Gingell <k3tks@u1.abs.net>
To: QRP List <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27953] ATTENTION! MDMW!
Message-ID: <Pine.BSI.3.96.971003093229.18115C-100000@u1.abs.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Recall all operatives, change the pass & keys, activate all ScQRPions,

Burn the code books and bridges, BoB has gone over to the other side. :^)

Ron, is the MDMW A51 Beacon in place?

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Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 09:46:42 -0400
From: bruce muscolino <w6toy@pop.erols.com>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27954] NN50CIA
Message-ID: <2.2.16.19971003093848.2dff0dd8@pop.erols.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

I'm forwarding this to the list for those who missed it the first time around.

>Date: Thu, 11 Sep 1997 08:21:18 EDT
>Reply-To: n4so@juno.com
>Sender: owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
>From: n4so@juno.com (charles k brown)
>To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
>Subject: NN50CIA
>X-Juno-Line-Breaks: 0-16
>X-Listprocessor-Version: 8.1 beta -- ListProcessor(tm) by CREN
>
>In response to requests for QSL info for NN50CIA... the following is from
>the Sept 5th ARRL Newsletter (ref. the ARRL home page)...

>NN50CIA QSL via KB4EFP and include SASE...
>
>From: QRZ E-MAIL Callsign Server <lookup@qrz.com>
>Thank you for using the QRZ callsign e-mail server.
> Callsign: KB4EFP
> Name: MARY L BLASDELL
> Addr1: 9727 LOUDOUN AVE
> Addr2: MANASSAS, VA 20109
>
> Country: USA
> Class: Advanced
> Effective: 05 Aug 1996
> Expires: 05 Aug 2006
>nnnn
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Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 10:31:46 +0100
From: "Bob Duckworth" <wb4mnf@atl.org>
To: <psykey@okcforum.org>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27955] Re: Key Ideas?
Message-ID: <199710031324.JAA25636@atl.org>

The old lever type telephone switches provide ample spacers and contacts to make a nice small paddle. Typically 25cents in junk boxes at hamfest.

-bob
wb4mnf

Date: Fri, 03 Oct 1997 09:52:35 -0400
From: K4AHK@ix.netcom.com
To: qrp-l mail <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27956] Keyer Paddles
Message-ID: <3434F89F.188C@ix.netcom.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Was playing around with some homebrew keyer paddles and looking for some nice looking finger pieces. Found a bunch of different colored *thick*

guitar picks that should be available just about everywhere. A #2-56 screw through the small end mounted them on the levers. Works just fine.

Date: Fri, 03 Oct 1997 09:56:10 EDT
From: kq0i@juno.com (Mark R Milburn)
To: QRP-L@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27957] Re: Fox North American Challenge!
Message-ID: <19971003.085538.6471.4.KQ0I@juno.com>

On Thu, 2 Oct 1997 17:16:32 -0500 wmcshan@REX.RE.ouhsc.edu (Mike McShan) writes:

>>If someone will figure out the "multiplier" for each state, scoring
>would
>>be simple. (population ought to be rounded out to nearest million or
>>something and divided into one) A side contest by states may pull in
>more
>(snip)
>>
>>CUL,
>>Bob Kellogg, AE4IC, Greensboro, NC
>
>An easy way is to normalize each state as compared to CA (the most
>populous
>state). For example, California has about 36 (or is it 38?) million
>folks,
>while Oklahoma has about 3 million. We can divide
>
> $CA/OK = 36/3 = 12$
>
>which will be the weighting factor for OK. So in other words, the lads
>and
>lassies in CA will have to make 13 contacts for every one contact we
>make
>here in Sooner-land...hmmm, I think I like this game. Of course, only
>one
>or two contacts from North Dakota or Alaska will probably blow us all
>away.
>
>72,
>Mike N5JKY
>Edmond, OK
>
>

>

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Heh, heh, heh! I kinda like the way this conversation is going. I think Iowa has about 2 million population, and I could start jumping to the top of the results column in no time.

72/73 Mark

Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 10:03:41 -0400 (EDT)
From: "J. Skalski" <jskalski@acsu.buffalo.edu>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27958] FS/trade ATLAS 210x
Message-ID: <Pine.GS0.3.96.971003095505.1483A-1000000@joxer.acsu.buffalo.edu>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

I have an Atlas 210x in excellent condition. I also have the matching model 220-CS power supply console. The rig is 9-1/2"x9-1/2"x3-1/2" and operates on SSB and CW, 80-10 meters. The output is front panel controlled. It is adjustable from 200W input down to zip.

No plug in modules here, and no external amp needed.

Also included in a hand microphone and the manual. Will consider trade for qrp rig ,paddle, qrp ldg tuner and/or whatever.

73,

Jim N2GO
The Buffalo QRP CONNECTION
ARCI #9013 QRP-L #381
Life member ARRL
jskalski@acsu.Buffalo.EDU

Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 09:05:24 -0500
From: kreinbd@ccgate.dl.nec.com (David Kreinberg)
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27959] WA3NNA's Beacon Results?
Message-ID: <0001B93F.4159@ccgate.dl.nec.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Description: cc:Mail note part

Gang,

Haven't seen anything regarding the beacon results from last weekend. Have I missed anything?

0 for 2 with the fox :-(Both were loud here, but the pile was louder! Nice showing, gang!

73 de Dave NR3E/5
nr Dallas, TX
qrp-1 #25

Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 10:18:00 -0400 (EDT)
From: "Scott Rosenfeld [NF3I]" <ham@w3eax.umd.edu>
To: qrp-1 <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>, eax@w3eax.umd.edu
Subject: [27960] Morse Code, Kids, and learning
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.3.95.971003101449.4572A-100000@w3eax.umd.edu>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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In the continuing saga of "the kids on my street," in which I'm introducing them (and a few parents) to Ham Radio via a class being taught in my basement, I was outside today, listening to DX on 20 CW.

Courtney, the sister (age 9) of two of the kids who are taking the class (ages 12 & 14) came over and said,

"My brothers aren't going to let me take the class because they don't want me getting ahead of them. What are you listening to?"

Anyway, I explained what Morse code was, and how it was sent and received. I went over to the phone band and we listened for a while, and she then said, "Let's go back to the other stuff." Really.

After a few minutes, she said, "teach me how to under-

stand what they're saying. Let's talk to them."

We started with C, E, T, A, and N. She called over her friend Sara (also 9) and they basically pushed me out of the driver's seat of the car so they could get hold of the paddles. The first word sent was CAT.

For those of you who say, "It's so hard to learn Morse,"

within 20 minutes, they had 13 letters down solidly, and not only were they receiving what I sent, but were sending ME words. Within 20 minutes, we were listening to 25 wpm code and they were picking out letters they recognized. Within 45 minutes, we were up to 18 letters, and the older kids (her brothers and a friend) came over.

I had a QSO with DJ7AA, and we went and grabbed the map. They looked in the DXCC list for "DJ," and found that Germany was "DA-DL. WOW! Germany!"

After realizing, grudgingly, that their little sister was REALLY very good at this, they started taking instruction FROM HER, not from me!

So anyway, 18 letters down and 8 to go. They asked me if they could borrow my radio (for the oscillator) but it's permanently mounted in the car. I offered them the use of a keyer w/speaker, plus a set of paddles, and they very readily accepted. 3 kids in the same house with a code practice oscillator...hate to be their mom...

Kids don't KNOW what Morse Code is. Some will undoubtedly dislike it, but some kids hate ice cream, too.

Wanna see something amazing? Morse is like a "secret code" to these kids. Have you ever seen a 10 year old learn something he/she WANTED to learn? It's truly amazing, and I can't believe I ever absorbed anything like they do.

If you know it, TEACH it to someone. Dangle it in front of a few kids and see if they think it's dull.

To all who haven't learned the code for whatever reason:

IT'S NOT HARD. DO IT. DO IT. 30 MINUTES A DAY. IT WILL COME.

* Scott Rosenfeld NF3I Burtonsville, MD FM19mc QRV 80-10/6/2/440 *

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Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 07:28:41 -0700 (PDT)
From: Monte Stark <ku7y@sage.dri.edu>
To: George Gingell <k3tks@u1.abs.net>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27961] Re: ATTENTION! MDMW!
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.90.971003071512.11546C-1000000@vortex>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

On Fri, 3 Oct 1997, George Gingell wrote:

> Ron, is the MDMW A51 Beacon in place?

Beacon is armed and ready....waiting only for the right pass
word and the curtain will deploy.

Knife cuts Butter, Bread sops Gravy.....

73, Ron, SOWP 5545M,

.....KU7Y.....ARCI #8829.....Monte "Ron" Stark.....
....ku7y@sage.dri.edu.....Washoe Lake, Nevada....
....QRP-L #17...ARS #49...NorCal #330.....NRA LIFE.....

Date: Fri, 03 Oct 1997 07:32:04 +0000
From: Roger Hightower <n7kt@dancris.com>
To: ham@w3eax.umd.edu
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27962] Re: Morse Code, Kids, and learning
Message-ID: <34349F74.79AE@dancris.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

GREAT posting, Scott. It's really good to see how quickly kids can pick
this up, and getting the young ladies into ham radio is fun...they seem

to go about it in a more business-like way. Good luck with them.

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72/73, de Roger, N7KT

AK-QRP 167, ARCI 8946, CQC 176, GQRP 9081, NE-QRP 383, NORCAL 1099,
QRP-L 62

Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 10:38:15 -0400 (EDT)
From: "Scott Rosenfeld [NF3I]" <ham@w3eax.umd.edu>
To: qrp-l <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>, eax@w3eax.umd.edu, forsale-swap@qth.net
Subject: [27963] BIG list of stuff for sale (QRP, HF, VHF, UHF, etc.)
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.3.95.971003103614.4766A-100000@w3eax.umd.edu>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

This is what happens when I'm too busy to
post periodically :)

Yaesu FT-890AT HF xcvr with optional SSB AND CW
filters, ant tuner, keyer, general coverage, etc.
Excellent condition w/box & manual. \$900.

Alinco DX-70T HF portable xcvr w/6m coverage.
General coverage, 6 lbs, very easy to use.
Go mobile! Mint cond. with box & manual. \$665.

Alinco DR-600T 2m/440 FM rig, 45w/35w. Excel.
condition. With bracket, remote control mic,
and manual (no box). With add'l 800 MHz
pigtail, will receive 800-999 unblocked.
Must sell. \$400.

A&A Engineering 20m QRP rig, minus some ICs.
Excellent condition with manual. \$70.

S&S Engineering ARK 20 QRP rig. 20m, with
electronic keyer, audio filter, built-in speaker,
5w output. Very rugged. Manual included,
along with FREE Ramsey linear amp (20w). \$275.

MFJ-9420 20m SSB radio. Excellent condition, with
manual. 12w PEP. \$175. Also have CW adaptor for said
radio, \$30 or \$25 with radio..

ADI AT-200 2m HT, excellent condition. Low-power battery. 20 memories, extended freq. coverage. Box, manual, battery, charger, etc. Sells on closeout for \$149, asking \$110.

Yaesu FT-208R 2m HT with CTCSS board installed. No batt. Kinda rough, PTT switch broken, BUT comes with speaker-mic and NC-8 desk charger/operating stand, PLUS a battery adaptor and Pa-3 mobile adaptor. Ugly but works. \$90 takes all.

Radio Shack Pro-2039 desktop scanner. New condition in original box w/manual. 200 channels, public service/amateur/etc. Cell-blocked. Hyperscan. \$249 new, asking \$165.

Radio Shack Pro-2046 mobile scanner. Like new condition in original box w/manual. 100 channels, cell-blocked, etc. \$230 new, asking \$150.

Autek QF-1A analog dual audio filter. Comes with built-in 120 VAC supply. Excellent condition with manual - \$52.

Ten-Tec model 1210 2m xverter kit, unbuilt. Was \$148 shipped from Ten-Tec, asking \$144 shipped. Box has yet to be opened. Can build to suit as well. Thinking of buying one from the factory?

COMPLETE set of Hamstick antennas (80-6 meters). Never used. Sell for \$20 each new, asking \$15 each.

GC Electronics 3 amp regulated 12 VDC power supply. 5 amps surge. Small, with 5-way binding posts on front panel. \$22.

Pyramid PS-25 25 amp 12vdc power supply. Not beautiful, but works well, and has dual meters (current & voltage). Voltage variable 10-15 VDC. \$65.

TPL 2m 80w allmode amp. Excellent condition, with manual. 18w input gives 80w output. \$100.

THS Electronics 1-10 2m Class C amp. 1 watt in, 10 watts out. Great physical shape, and comes with fused power cable. Seems to like operation

at 5 watts output, although when first fired
up it puts out about 10. Thus it's got a problem.
Have schematic but little time; \$17.

MFJ-9040 40m QRP CW rig. Excellent condition,
with box, manual. Previous owner said there
was a problem with AGC, although I've not noticed
it. Asking \$110. Got a TAC-1 instead.

PROCEEDS FROM THE FOLLOWING GO TO THE MARYLAND
MILLIWATERS:

QST Magazines, \$1.00 each plus shipping:

1991 - All except May, June, July
1992 - All except February and July
1995 - All
1996 - All except April, June, December
1997 - January-July except February

for a total of 46 magazines, all in good to
excellent shape.

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Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 07:45:52 -0700 (MST)
From: flydnq7x@primenet.com (Floyd Smithberg)
To: azqrp@user1.dancris.com, qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27964] AZ ScQRPions Meeting
Message-ID: <199710031445.HAA14566@usr04.primenet.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Probably not even necessary to announce the meeting or list an agenda after
two fabulous

Fox performances but we will meet as usual at:

Lubys Restaurant next to HRO at 1933 W.Dunlap, Phoenix
1030 AM MST Saturday 10/4/97 or 1730 UTC Saturday 10/4/97 -thats's
tomorrow local ;-)

The gathering is of course open to all and especially potential Fox Bounty Hunters who would like to join our team and pick up one of our secret Killer Kits.

73 Floyd NQ7X Phoenix ScQRPion DM33uq
ARRL ARCI G-QRP NORCAL DX WRKD HF=324 SAT=101 QRP=103

Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 07:49:27 -0700 (MST)
From: Mike Connor <mikec@primenet.com>
To: K4AHK@ix.netcom.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27965] Re: Keyer Paddles
Message-ID: <Pine.BSI.3.96.971003074644.11562B-100000@usr01.primenet.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

On Fri, 3 Oct 1997 K4AHK@ix.netcom.com wrote:

> Was playing around with some homebrew keyer paddles and looking for some
> nice looking finger pieces. Found a bunch of different colored *thick*
> guitar picks that should be available just about everywhere. A #2-56
> screw through the small end mounted them on the levers. Works just
> fine.

>
>

When you go to your music store to pick up your picks,
make sure you ask for the "Jim Dunlop" brand. They're
made with more of a non-skid surface than the smooth
picks.

Mo' Betta...

Mike
NQ7K

Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 10:37:37 -0500
From: rhilto - Robert Hilton <rhilto@acxiom.com>
To: "'Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion'" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27966] RE: Fox North American Challenge!

Message-ID: <c=US%a=_%p=Acxiom_Corporati%l=PO-CONWAY-1-971003153737Z-75570@po-conway-1.conway.acxiom.com>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

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>>>If someone will figure out the "multiplier" for each state, scoring
>>would
>>>be simple. (population ought to be rounded out to nearest million or
>>>something and divided into one) A side contest by states may pull in
>>more
>
>
>>An easy way is to normalize each state as compared to CA (the most
>>populous
>>state). For example, California has about 36 (or is it 38?) million
>>folks,
>>while Oklahoma has about 3 million. We can divide

Shouldn't we normalize based on the number of licensed amateurs in each
state? (and no, I haven't looked up the numbers recently).

Bob n5xi

Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 09:30:07 -0700 (MST)
From: Bob Hightower <ki7mn@dancris.com>
To: rhilto@acxiom.com
Cc: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27967] RE: Fox North American Challenge!
Message-ID: <199710031630.JAA27400@dancris.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

At 10:37 AM 10/3/97 -0500, you wrote:

>
>Shouldn't we normalize based on the number of licensed amateurs in each
>state? (and no, I haven't looked up the numbers recently).
>
>
Yes,. better idea.

73,

Bob KI7MN (ki7mn@dancris.com) Chandler, AZ
Grid DM43bi Lat 33.334500 Long -111.87260
NorCal #1221 ARCI #8918 Qrp-1 #271 CQC #274 AK QRP #30 ARRL
<http://www.dancris.com/~ki7mn>
WIMPS: QSO's=19 30=19 17=0 12=0 States=15/0/0 DX 0/0/0 QSL's=6

Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 11:29:56 -0500
From: kreinbd@ccgate.dl.nec.com (David Kreinberg)
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27968] FIREBALL TX INFO NEEDED
Message-ID: <0001BA6A.4159@ccgate.dl.nec.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Description: cc:Mail note part

Gang,

Well, now I've done it. A few months ago, I posted some questions to the group about a little transmitter known as the "Fireball."

I've lost the article and the schematic! I was hoping somebody, somewhere could either copy, or (better yet) fax this info to me. I will help with postage if mailed.

The Fireball was featured in the 11/90 issue of 73 mag. I was hoping to present this info to my local club next Tuesday, but it doesn't look too promising.

TIA for any help you can offer.

73 de Dave NR3E/5
nr Dallas, TX
qrp-1 #25

Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 12:43:58 -0400
From: "W. D. Lindsey" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>

To: QRP-L Discussion Group <QRP-L@Lehigh.EDU>, "W.D. (Doc) Lindsey/K0EVZ" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>
Subject: [27969] Argosy 525 Has Been Sold
Message-ID: <199710031246_MC2-22AC-BBDA@compuserve.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Disposition: inline

Gang:

Someone has spoken for the Argosy 525, and it will move to its happy new home within a few days. Thanks to one and all for your interest in this outstanding QRP rig.

Good luck to everyone in the FOXhunts this season. Promises to be fun!

72/73,

--Doc/K0EVZ qrp-l 861 norcal 2050 cqz 414 ars 311 mn-qrp 19
nj-qrp 69 ak/qrp 73 arci 9398 arrl was 48/39 dxcc 53/42 <><
FOX total 10/2/97 = 2 of 2. No N/T+ FOXes have run yet.

OMNI V Sierra Argosy 525 Argo 515 Norcal 40a SW-40 49er 38S
Mercury Paddles Emtech ZM-1 MFJ 259 MFJ 941D GAP TNT/2 Windom
SLV/W6MMA G5RV Autek QF-1 RS DSP-40

"Things should be as simple as possible but no simpler"--A. Einstein

Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 08:11:46 -0600
From: Brad Mugleston <bmug@gwl.com>
To: "'qrp-l@lehigh.edu'" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27970] FOXii
Message-ID: <01BCCFD4.004E9E60@pps-pc10.gwl.com>
Content-Type: text

Dear Foxii,

For those of us using the Digest to get this wonderful list I would like to request that you post your schedule as early as possible. I receive the Digest around 2330Z. This gives me only 1/2 hour to get it, find the changes to the hunt, get home and get on the air for a 0000Z hunt.

Because I leave work at 2300Z I'm, like normal, a day late and a fox tail short for any digests changes. I know its not always possible to schedule

in advance BUT if you know you need to change your time or what appears to be the standard frequency let us know ASAP.

You might ask why I'm asking this. Have I missed a hunt - no, do I want to miss a hunt - NO!!! Am I paranoid that I'll miss a hunt -YES!! Do I need to get a life, MAYBE, but its going to have to wait until Fox season is over.

Thanks

de KBØROL, Brad

Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 09:46:10 -0700 (MST)
From: Joe Gervais <vole@primenet.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27971] Re: Fox North American Challenge!
Message-ID: <199710031646.JAA28947@usr06.primenet.com>

Howdy Folks,

Bob (N5XI) wrote:

>

> Shouldn't we normalize based on the number of licensed amateurs in
> each state? (and no, I haven't looked up the numbers recently).

We could go that route, but we'd definitely have to draw the line somewhere. Consider the slippery slope of the following arguments:

"Shouldn't we discount No-Code Techs from the number of hams since they couldn't operate in the hunt?"

"General and higher class hams that don't do CW shouldn't be counted either. Same for QRO-only hams."

"We should only count the number of QRP-Lers in the state and use that for the ratio."

"We should only use the number of active Fox hunters

from each state for computing the ratio."

You can see how this ends up going. The beauty (IMHO) of just using the a state/territory's population is that it's easy and it's universal. Big state - lots o' hams. Small state - hardly a ham in sight. I think the demographics should map well with experience. How often do we work hams in ND, RI, AK, etc? And when we do, how often is it the same call? Compare vs. CA, TX, AZ, etc. We've all worked dozens of different hams from those states.

Plus we **could** just consider a lack of hams relative to a state's population as a recruiting challenge. ;-)

Not enough QRPers in your neck of the woods? Recruit! Amaze them at hamfests! Bring in your logbooks with 2xQRP WAS and all the QRP DX you work! Show off a Sierra/OHR-400/SST/SWL-30, etc. Most important, be friendly, helpful and professional.

Anyway, just my thoughts. I'm a firm believer in the power of mild anarchy and democracy, so please speak up. :) I'll make a "command decision" **blech** soon unless there's enough input.

Again, this would be a **side** competition to the normal Fox hunt. Give some of you smaller states a chance to strut your stuff. Maybe losing states could each chip in \$5-10 worth of teaching supplies for a well-supported ham/QRP class? ("Look Who's Talking", practice oscillators, simple circuits, etc.) Winning state gets to brag alot. ;-)

I know Super Station KU7Y is drooling over the fact that only 1 million people live in NV. Then again Las Vegas is growing so darn fast, Ron might lose ground faster than he realizes. ;-)

Cheers de AB7TT,

-Joe, vole@primenet.com, AZ ScQRPions (Phoenix)

"It happens sometimes. People just explode. Natural causes." -Repo Man

Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 9:34:00 -0500

From: Bob Tellefsen-CNSE97 <Bob_Tellefsen-CNSE97@email.mot.com>

To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU (Receipt Notification Requested)
Subject: [27972] Fox #2--50/50 hit rate
Message-ID: <M2064767.002.h1651.1.971003174205Z.CC-MAIL*/OU=LMPCC4/OU=ILBB/
PRMD=MOT/ADMD=MOT/C=US/@MHS>

Well, nice try Brian. Copied you frequently, though signals were up and down. Sorry Ol' Kenwood couldn't get a piece of you on this go round, but we'll keep trying.

I liked your scheme of trying to batch two or three calls in a row before going QRZ again. Sounded efficient. How did it work out in practice from your end? I heard a lot of stations calling as if they didn't understand what you were trying to do.

The San Francisco Bay pack was in full cry. Besides myself I heard WA6NAE and W03B in there. Also a very strong ?6SU, can't recall the first letter, but he put my receiver in shock every time he called. Wow.

Anyway, a noble effort. Looking forward to seeing your report.

73, Bob N6WG and Ol' Kenwood

Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 10:57:29 -0800 (PDT)
From: Ed Loranger <loranger@wolf.sr.hp.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27973] FOX:Heard but no joy.
Message-ID: <199710031757.AA227211449@wolf.sr.hp.com>

o-----o
| Ed Loranger 794-2839 |
| mailto:loranger@sr.hp.com |
o-----o
<http://web.sr.hp.com/~loranger>
o-----o
X-Mailer: ELM [version 2.4 PL21]
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Length: 1337

GM to all. For some reason, was able to get home a bit early for the foxhunt. TU Brian! Had you 539 to 549 last 90 minutes. No joy.

My experience:

A few minute before 'Fox' time I searched for the hounds. But they were quiet -- not wanting to scare their prey. The minutes ticked away. Am I alone?, I thought. Then I heard them whispering: Waiting for the fox', 'me too, hi' and quiet 'dit dit's' all around. Content with my pack membership, my contribution expected, I nestled close to my hunting apparatus. Perhaps others did as well, because just maybe, one can hear better that way.

Then it started. Anticipation escalated with the scent, an aromatic attractant, carried by electrons of fate and diluted only by natures' unforgiving propogation Gods.

The eerie sound, as if deep in the woods on a foggy November morn, chilled my being. I ventured forth to be near the fox -- but he is sly! His damp, weathered tail brushes my rig, leaving a shiny mark where the dust had been.

And so others try. Some receiving his booty, others left cursing the moonlit ether for carrying their signal yonder, away from the prey.

As I am unfulfilled, distant in the pack. The fox tires and his treasure wanes. And with a gleeful thankyou to all he bids goodnight.

Thankyou FOX!
Ed Loranger, WE6W

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<http://www.qsl.net/we6w>

Date: Fri, 03 Oct 1997 11:31:53 -0700
From: ki6ds@dpol.k12.ca.us (Hendricks, Doug)
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27974] October NorCal Meeting
Message-ID: <3.0.1.32.19971003113153.0072f94c@telis.org>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

QRPers, the October meeting of the NorCal QRP Club will be held as usual Sunday October 5th at the California Burger Restaurant, located off the Santa Rita Exit of I580 West of Livermore and East of Pleasanton. The California Burger is located in the small shopping center behind the Shell Station across the street from McDonald's Restaurant. If you are coming from Livermore, take the Santa Rita exit, and you will come to a stop light. Turn left and go over the freeway. You will come to a traffic

signal. Turn left, and you will notice a McDonald's on your left, and a Shell station on your right. Take the first right turn, (about 107 yards, 2 feet and 7 1/4 inches from the intersection) and you will be in a small shopping center. The California Burger is in the SouthWest corner of the shopping center. Look for all of the cars, you can't miss it.

If you are coming from Pleasanton, take the Santa Rita exit to your right. You will come to a traffic light. Go straight across the street, and you will see the McDonald's and Shell Station. Same directions as above.

Remember, if you have never been to a QRP meeting, this is not like all of the other meetings you go to. It starts about 10:30 and ends about 1:30 or so. No rules, no minutes, no new business, no old business, just a get together of QRPers who want to meet and share QRP information with others of like interests. Our meeting is entirely social, and those who attend always seem to enjoy themselves. If you come, bring along your latest project to share with the rest of us, we want to see and admire it, probably steal a couple of your ideas in our next project, but we will have fun. If you are coming for the first time, be sure to introduce yourself to Jim and I. We want to meet you and welcome you to the meeting.

72, Doug, KI6DS

Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 11:29:18 -0700 (MST)
From: Bob Hightower <ki7mn@dancris.com>
To: vole@primenet.com
Cc: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27975] Re: Fox North American Challenge!
Message-ID: <199710031829.LAA09392@dancris.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

At 09:46 AM 10/3/97 -0700, you wrote:

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>of the following arguments:

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> "Shouldn't we discount No-Code Techs from the number
> of hams since they couldn't operate in the hunt?"

Simplify it. Use the number of licensed hams. Arguments as to whether they have/use HF privileges don't mean anything. If someone has a license to drive a car, and doesn't have a car, are they NEVER going to drive? Don't think so.

73,
Bob KI7MN (ki7mn@dancris.com) Chandler, AZ
Grid DM43bi Lat 33.334500 Long -111.87260
NorCal #1221 ARCI #8918 Qrp-1 #271 CQC #274 AK QRP #30 ARRL
<http://www.dancris.com/~ki7mn>
WIMPS: QSO's=19 30=19 17=0 12=0 States=15/0/0 DX 0/0/0 QSL's=6

Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 14:41:49 -0400 (EDT)
From: "Scott Rosenfeld [NF3I]" <ham@w3eax.umd.edu>
To: qrp-1 <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27976] Howard County, MD, hamfest
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.3.95.971003144104.6410G-100000@w3eax.umd.edu>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

I'll be there, and would like to tailgate. I will also be able to be found on 145.49 simplex. Anyone want to share a tailgating spot??? You know that big list of stuff I posted?

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Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 11:44:50 -0700 (PDT)
From: "David D. Meacham" <ddm@datatamers.com>
To: Bob Hightower <ki7mn@dancris.com>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27977] Re: Buzz-not
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.3.91.971003114317.2910A-100000@dt1.datatamers.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Bob,
Wilderness Radio has the Buzz-Not.
(415) 494-3806
72, Dave, W6EMD

Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 10:54:00 -0500
From: Dan Tayloe-P26412 <Dan_Tayloe-P26412@email.mot.com>
To: azqrp@dancris.com, qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27978] Fox: Rough Night for the Hunter
Message-ID: <M2302571.064.hndl6.1.971003182950Z.CC-MAIL*/OU=SATCG/OU=AZBH/
PRMD=MOT/ADMD=MOT/C=US/@MHS>

Poor Brian! Things were really rocking last night. I could hear him throughout, but it was not until the second hour that things improved enough here in AZ that I felt comfortable chasing him.

Call me dumb.... My wife came in to talk with me for a few minutes about supper plans (Nothing for me, honey.... Uh, not feeling well). When I put the headphones back on, I heard ...7VE....N7VE. Who in the world was using my call? (duh!) I hadn't called the fox for a minute or two.

It took me a while to figure out that Brian was accumulating a list. Oh, well..... I got him for real about 10 minutes later.

This new breed of fox hunting is rough! I got used to the conditions last year where we had lonely foxes calling through lousy conditions. If you could hear him, even just above the noise floor, you could work him (great ears guys!).

Conditions were just to darn good! I finally got him from sheer brute strength. Propagation conditions got really good.... Brian was *really* loud here.

Speaking of really loud, look out for KK6MC and KU7Y!

NR3E: No problems hearing you from this direction, even if the fox didn't! That prefix (NR) is pretty distinctive in a fox hunt.

Bring on the next fox!

- Dan Tayloe, N7VE, Phoenix, Az, QRPL # 696, Az ScQRPions

Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 13:56:52 -0500
From: "Larry Wise/KA5T" <lewise@inetport.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27979] MN and the FOX(2)
Message-ID: <199710031845.NAA00679@admin.inetport.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

Greetings from MN gang....

Out running the roads on vacation again and in MN visiting the #2 son...

Finally got the 40 m dipole up on the silo at about 60 ft yesterday...Ends slope down to about 50 ft....Third attempt was the charm...

Try one was with a 139 ft ladderline fed dipole up the silo...Ever seen 50 ft of ladderline flapping in a 25 knot breeze???? Took it down and decided to wait til the wind layed a bit....

Tried again on Tuesday with the coax fed 40 dipole (this is definitely not a backpack operation...:-) getting ready for FOX(1), but the whole works came crashing down as the two year old (in the MN wx) line broke just as the apex of the antenna approached the top...

Decided that maybe the gods didn't want me on the air this year....

Then Thursday with the temp in the 80s and the breeze about 0 kts, Dave (the #2 son) starts bugging me about getting the antenna up cause it's 'sposed to rain on Friday and maybe I needed some distraction.....He climbed up the ladder on the silo and wired a smooth ring to the safety bracket and took a piece of 5/32 nylon parachute chord type of line up for the antenna line....Would you believe the line was just long enough to go to the top and back ???? Talk about planning... Don't know where or when I got that line...Some hamfest....

Sooooo after dinner went out to the trailer and got everything lashed together and gave a listen....Yep...Foxhunt on the way.... Fox at 59+...(How could it be otherwise from MN to WI????)

After a couple of trys I finally wised up and added /0 to my call...and on the fourth try there he was calling me....(Thank you silo!!! :-))

Listened off and on for most of the time...band sure was open....
Heard sigs from all over....

Using the kenwood TS450SAT at 4 watts through the OHR WM-2 and about 75 ft of RG8X coax to the RS wire which was about 66 ft long.....

Now you say 'Why weren't you using one of those RadioKit QRP-40s for the foxhunt????'.... Well... would you believe that I have some debugging that is not yet complete??? :-)

Just sorry I couldn't be in the Texas count....

I expect to be over in North Dakota and South Dakota next week beginning on Monday Oct 6....If the wx is still OK and I can get up an antenna I will be on 40 in the evenings...and 15 during the day....Good ole 40 m dipole....If all else fails will put the hustler on top of the pickup cab and give a try.....

On the foxhunt nights will attempt to work the foxi, then move to the other side of 7040 from the fox and look for people to work....

Will be out of touch with the list after Sunday night until I get home in a week or two...

CUall

Larry KA5T/0 MN lewise@inetport.com via cmgate.com and pegasus.. for a while...

Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 14:01:03 -0500
From: Brian Cieslak <brianc@ams-i.com>
To: "'QRP-L'" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27980] Fox #2 Report - Congrats to those who made it
Message-ID: <50F91F96FB1FD11191C100A0C95B29370587EF@COMMSERVER>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"

Well here it is....you guys are animals...like throwing a cat into a pound of mad dogs....I didn't realize that I could cause the heavens to open

just
by calling CQ FOX. Which I only had to do once...As a matter of fact I
had to
make sure I id'ed once in while cuz it was none stop. The first thing I
thought was you gotta be kidding. But the two hours flew by..Sri I
couldn't
get all of you...try again next week for fox #3.

I found that when I worked a station and QRZ'd I had to wait for
almost a minute for the roar to die down before I could call the
station I was finally able to weed out of the chaos. So I figured
I would start making a list of 3 or 4 calls at time while I was waiting
then
work the list. You guys adapted well obviously all seasoned DX hounds
too.
Three or four station always seemed to float to the top so I could
list'em.

I have to concur with one comment Tim, FOX#1, made...On several
occasions I called a station after the pileup subsided and got no reply.
Don't know of I or
they QSB'd out of site but it cost time. so pay attention!

I worked 64 hunters and guess what...A lot of east coast...you guys in
CA, Az and TX better watchout.

I hope that Chuck made a recording of it. Congrats to K0EVZ not only
worked a fox but will confirm his first WI.

Now for a beer or two or three.....God help the novice foxes.

God Bless Y'all
Brian AE9K

Here's the log, a couple of questionable numbers but I suspect that some
call
upgrades didn't make the QRP-L Member list.

TIME(Z)	CALL	RST	ST	NAME	QRP-L#
00:00	WA4CMI	579	VA	CRAIG	2W
00:02	K0EVZ	569	MN	DOC	861
00:04	W2PFS	589	NY	HAL	5W
00:06	K4CGY	559	MD	JIM	72
00:08	N2VPY	559	NY	MARK	313
00:10	KU4AF	599	NC	JOHN	987
00:12	NQ7X	539	MT	FLOYD	343

00:14	W2BRT	559	IA	ADAM	957
00:16	K2VNM	579	NNY	BOB	357
00:18	KS4L	579	AL	RANDY	468
00:20	NF9K	599	MN	JOEL	1233
00:22	KB0PTE	559	MO	WAYNE	1058
00:24	KK4KF	559	FL	BILL	755
00:26	KJ3V	589	AL	LYNN	1227
00:28	KK5X0	599	OK	DICK	1221
00:30	N4DD	559	TN	DENNIS	1242
00:32	W1GM	559	CT	CHRIS	1177
00:34	VE3ELA	579	ON	KEN	1226
00:36	AA1MY	559	CT	SEAB	574
00:38	N2TN	599	NJ	DAN	560
00:40	KA5T/0	559	MN	LARRY	89
00:42	AA2PF	579	NY	DAVE	306
00:44	N2TO	359	NY	KEVIN	323
00:46	N5ALO	449	TX	BILL	415
00:48	N4UY	559	VA	JACK	821
00:50	N4ROA	559	VA	DAN	970
00:52	KI5G	559	AR	DAVE	934
00:54	K5ON	559	NM	GARY	770
00:56	N10CJ	559	CT	PAT	409
00:58	KA80KH	569	KY	RICH	933
01:00	KK6MC/5	559	NM	JIM	411
01:02	K5ZTY	559	TX	BILL	473
01:04	N1QQV	559	CT	KEN	400
01:06	N5JI	569	TX	DICK	1054
01:08	K2SJB	599	NY	DAVE	757
01:10	N4JS	579	NJ	JOHN	884
01:12	AB7TT	559	AZ	JOE	191
01:12	W5FN	569	TX	TIM	586
01:13	KU7Y	559	NV	RON	17
01:14	W5HNS	559	TX	HENRY	178
01:14	AE4IC	599	NC	BOB	54
01:15	KC4MHM	559	FL	ED	1010
01:16	W2UX	559	SC	GARY	593
01:18	N7VE	559	AZ	DAN	5W
01:22	AB5UA	557	OK	CLIF	478
01:23	N3KFL	589	PA	AL	36
01:24	WZ2T	599	NY	RICK	122
01:28	W0CLR	569	MO	JERRY	1241
01:29	W7QQQ	559	AZ	JACK	1210
01:31	VE4RY	559	SK	BRUCE	866
01:33	WA9YLB	559	TX	JIM	5W
01:34	N0HJ	579	CO	JOHN	219
01:35	N6XU	569	CA	STAN	66
01:44	K4GT	559	GA	JIM	1023
01:49	N3XRV	559	MD	CHRIS	655

01:50	KB0ROL	559	CO	BRAD	316
01:51	W5XE	579	TX	RAY	256
01:52	K1MG	559	CA	MIKE	614
01:53	K5FO	559	TX	CHUCK	1
01:54	KA3WMJ	559	PA	KEN	355
01:56	KQ5U	559	TX	TERRY	5W
01:57	AA5CO	558	OK	BRUCE	695
01:58	KA3EAJ	579	MD	DAVE	245
02:00	W0CH	599	MO	DAVE	618

Date: Fri, 03 Oct 1997 15:02:47 -0400
 From: Sam Mohan <SMohan@HNS.com>
 To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
 Subject: [27981] Need all the mods to Pixie circuit
 Message-ID: <34354157.5226@HNS.com>
 MIME-Version: 1.0
 Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
 Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I know someone has collected all the mods to Pixie tranceiver and put all the details in his web site. Does anybody know the URL for the site?

Tnx.

72 Sam N3UTM

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 mailto:SMohan@HNS.com [Work] 301.428.5500 Extn 3261
 mailto:SMohan@Juno.com [Home] 301.977.4374

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 12:26:13 -0700
 From: "Jeff Jones" <jeffj@crl.com>
 To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
 Subject: [27982] Need Digital VFO
 Message-ID: <199710031914.MAA02049@mail.crl.com>
 MIME-Version: 1.0
 Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
 Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I am hoping that some one here on this fine list could point me in the right direction. I am looking for a digital VFO kit that I could build. I

want to build a QRP rig that will be totally controlled by my laptop. So hence I need the VFO to start. I have seen the kits advertised but of course when I really want to get one I can't find one any where!

Thanks for any and all help!

Jeff

AB6MB

Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 14:42:12 -0500
From: tahrens1@juno.com (Timothy H Ahrens)
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27983] FOX - Who Did/Didnot Get?
Message-ID: <19971003.144213.8878.2.tahrens1@juno.com>

At the risk of my mailbox getting stuffed,
I was curious as to the 'hit' rate of our last
wiley critter.

We will obviously get the list of who did from
Brian, but judging from the hub-bub on the
frequency, I'd like to get an idea of how many
people tried, but did not get him.

Here's how to reply. If you got him, don't reply.
If you didn't, change the subject line to FOX - YES.
I won't read any messages, just the subject line.. should
make it a little easier for me to add them.

I'll post the results Sunday Afternoon... should let
folks get answers back.

Guess I need a life, eh?!

Thanks & cuall

Tim W5FN

Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 15:49:08 -0400 (EDT)
From: Chris Cartwright <ccart@dns.vidtel.com>

I agree, Bob. I caught Fox # 2 last night, but couldn't hear that he was replying back to *me*, because of all the folks still calling him. I think he realized what happened, and threw out my callsign again, after the din settled.

Man, this Fox stuff gets the adrenalin 'goin...I had trouble sending my own name!

Bill Howell
University of Texas at Austin
Performing Arts Center
Electronic Maintenance
N5ALO QRP-L #415

belief preceeds experience

Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 13:32:32 -0600
From: Brad Mugleston <bmug@gwl.com>
To: "'qrp-1@lehigh.edu'" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27986] Fox N/T Schedule
Message-ID: <01BCD000.D089CB00@pps-pc10.gwl.com>
Content-Type: text

Rumor has it the N/T Fox schedule is to be released today. If there are any foxii due on this weekend or early next week could someone shoot me a copy as I won't see todays digest until Monday night if I'm lucky.

De KB0ROL, Brad

Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 13:00:56 -0700 (MST)
From: Joe Gervais <vole@primenet.com>

To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27987] Re: Fox North American Challenge!
Message-ID: <199710032000.NAA06222@usr07.primenet.com>

Howdy Folks,

Chris (W1GM) wrote:

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> Missed the original note, but if you're looking for a way to have
> the foxes compete amongst themselves [...] A final thought is
> that we could have three foxes (East, Central and West) operating
> simultaneously.

Actually the Challenge is for hunters only. Trying very hard *not* to mess with *anything* about the actual Fox hunt itself. The True Hunt is sacred ground. :)

All the Challenge would be is a side competition based on how many hunters from given state work the Fox that night, vs. how many people/hams live in that state. So VT and MD would have a fair shot against TX, CA, AZ, etc. State pride, friendly rivalry and all that. ;-)

That way the hunters do their thing (hunt), the Foxii do their thing (fox?), and nothing at all changes about how the True Hunt is carried out. Same with the Team Hunter Challenge. The hunt stays exactly the same, we just use the results to score another side competition.

'Course some of the smaller states would be motivated to recruit more local QRP-L critters to get on the air. Shoot, if Ron (KU7Y) can track down 2-3 hunters, we could all be in *big* trouble unless ND, ID, MT etc. do the same. :)

Cheers de AB7TT,

-Joe, vole@primenet.com, AZ ScQRPions (Phoenix)

"Veni Vertical Vamos - I came, I radiated, I left". -AB7TT

Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 13:29:16 -0700
From: "Michael A. Gipe" <mgipe@reliablemeters.com>
To: "QRP-L list server" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Cc: "Jack Bryant" <jbryant@math.tamu.edu>, "Stan Goldstein" <stan@cruzio.com>,
"Ron Stark" <ku7y@sage.dri.edu>, "Chuck Adams" <adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com>,
"Michael A. Gipe" <K1MG@amsat.org>
Subject: [27988] Fox Team Challenge - We're Ready!
Message-ID: <199710032030.PAA18157@multi13.netcomi.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

OK, Joe. We're game.

Here's team number two in the Fox Team Challenge competition!

The Aluminum Allies:

N6XU, KU7Y, K5FO, W5TFB, K1MG

"It takes a lot of aluminum in the air to catch a fox...

... and we're ready!"

Anybody else out there good enough to challenge us?

Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 16:49:21 -0400 (EDT)
From: Chris Cartwright <ccart@dns.vidtel.com>
To: QRP Reflector <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27989] Re: Fox Team Challenge - We're Ready!
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.3.93.971003164730.1396F-100000@dns.vidtel.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

On Fri, 3 Oct 1997, Michael A. Gipe wrote:

> OK, Joe. We're game.
> N6XU, KU7Y, K5FO, W5TFB, K1MG

Ya just had to go poking that stick in the hornets nest again didn't you
Joe! See what happens :) Hey MDmW, any takers? 72

-- Chris Cartwright, Technical Engineer | ccart@vidtel.com --
-- N3XRV ARRL-VE QRP WAS 20/10(w/c) | ccart@erols.com --

-- QRP-L #655 NORCAL #1891 QRP-ARCI #???? | http://dns.vidtel.com/~ccart --

Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 21:50:30 +0100
From: adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (Chuck Adams)
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Cc: BuckPD@corning.com, dhlaute@juno.com, dcscott@us.ibm.com, ARDUJENSKI@aol.com,
cla@spacestar.net, n2mnn@spacegate.com, macstein@cftnet.com,
johns516@maroon.tc.umn.edu, mikemo@ibm.net, aplitech@spacestar.net
Subject: [27990] Novice/Tech+ Fox Schedule WIP
Message-ID: <199710032050.VAA03025@chuck.dallas.sgi.com>

WIP - Work In Progress

Gang,

I am working with **11** guys who are to be foxes for the Novice/Tech+ segment, so bear with us. If any other Novices want to join in, today is the day to do it.

These guys will be on a lot. Don't worry about running out of time.

KB7MBI, Alan Dujenski, in WA state will be on Sunday night in the USofA, which translates into Oct 6 0200-0400UTC. Good luck Alan and have a good time, the rest of the world doesn't count. :-)

There is no Novice Fox scheduled for Monday night.

So for those of you getting the digest or not having internet access for the weekend, tune around 7.122MHz (a freq close or on top of those having Pixie's with same crystal). Now Alan will be on 13 times before Jan 1, so be patient. I don't have his code speed but am guessing about 10+ wpm so go at the speed he comes on with. Since there is so much QRM from foreign BC (foreign to the USofA) the fox will have the option to move around so figure in a fudge factor for this when looking. Of course, I think you'll just have to go looking for a pileup again. :-)

Alan has volunteered for every Sunday night for the duration of the year, so everyone should have a chance to work him. If you work him once, please please try not to work him again unless he runs out of stations. :-) Not much of a chance it looks like this year. ;-)

The Novice/Tech+'s may at any time run over their time period, but when they ask to QRT they are gone or if they ask for a break they get it.

I know that each of these guys are listening to the general portion of the foxhunt to get ideas and they probably after last night have an idea that have gotten themselves into the middle of a pack of wild animals. :-) We are hear to help them upgrade and only to upgrade. They are not under any pressure to prove anything to anyone. They have already gone above and beyond the call of duty just volunteering to get on the air.

I would like for everyone that works them to QSL with SASE and a nice note. IMHO it will help them get started and excited about the hobby and an extra incentive to upgrade. If they do upgrade before the end of the season, then they have the option to continue on with the Novice band operations and join in the big pileups on the lowend. I will also personally sponsor a WAS Certificate from QRP ARCI after they work 20 states and any endorsements above that total. We'll start the count at zero for all them to make the playing field even.

The exchange for these guys will be RST, NAME, STATE. This will speed things up and make it easier on them and you.

OK, get the antennas trimmed and tuned for the higher frequencies gang, we're moving up into the UV spectrum now. :-) ;-)

FYI

Chuck Adams K5FO CP-60 adams@sgi.com
<http://reality.sgi.com/adams/index.html>

Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 13:18:35 -0900 (GMT-0900)
From: Roger Asbury <fnrla@camelot.acf-lab.uaf.edu>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27991] Many Thanks!
Message-ID: <Pine.NXT.3.95.971003130204.15183A-1000000@camelot>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Would reply via personal e-mail but ... well ... uhhhmm ... there were TONS of responses, I'd be typing for hours! *grin*

Just wanted to thank everyone who responded to my desperate plea for info and encouragement. I was totally taken by suprise by the sheer number of people who responded! Don't think I've ever been on a listserv with people who were so ready to help out a newbie. Hope I can return the favor someday.

For those that were curious, the wife and I are planning on taking the

tests together. She's totaly new, so she'll be taking every test from novice up to general, while I'll be taking the code tests and the general written exam. We're just waiting for the ARRL Code CD to come in so we can practice. Expect a month or so of practice and then the tests. Hopefully in a month we can be proud new Generals! *grin* So, you'll have two more Alaskans to hunt down.

In the mean time, I'm firing up the soldering iron and looking for some projects. Been a while since I've done that.

Anyway, thanks again for all the info, and encouragement. Sorry for not replying by personal email, just was sorta overwhelming! :)

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Roger L. Asbury Jr.          [] "I don't know the meaning of
fnrla@camelot.acf-lab.uaf.edu [] the word surrender! I mean,
Training Assistant/Computer Tech [] I know it, I'm not dumb ...
WL7NT                        [] just not in this context."
http://icecube.acf-lab.uaf.edu/~fnrla[]  ~~The Tick~~
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Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 17:32:38 -0400 (EDT)
From: Kr0i2@aol.com
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27992] Icom at QRP power
Message-ID: <971003173135_317746019@emout19.mail.aol.com>

Hi gang,

FYI, the new Icom 756 can be reduced to below 5 watts by using the front panel "RF POWER" control. It's a VERY small knob that clumsy fingers like mine have trouble turning without "readjusting" the knobs on each side, but it does do the job. The 756 also "hears" very good. I'm very pleased with mine, so far.

72/73 de Mac, KR0I QRP ARCI 3227

Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 16:44:21 -0500
From: "Claton Cadmus" <aplitech@spacestar.net>
To: "QRP-1" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [27993] Minnesota QRP Society Meeting!
Message-ID: <199710032148.QAA24288@webster.spacestar.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

The MNQRP Society will hold it's October Meeting Saturday afternoon the 4th at 1:30. All that are in the area are welcome to attend. The meeting is held at the Minnetonka Community Center in Minnetonka, MN a western suburb of the Minneapolis/St. Paul Metro area.

Directions to the Minnetonka Community Center:

Exit 494 at Minnetonka Blvd. (just south of 394) and go west to Williston Road (less then 1/4 mile) and turn right(north). The Community Center is the first building on your right. Plenty of parking right there. If you need talk in, we will have someone on the 145.45 repeater. (I hope.)

73 de KA0GKC Claton Cadmus
E-mail cla@spacestar.net
If you live in Minnesota check out this webpage!
<http://www.qsl.net/mnqrp>

Date: Fri, 3 Oct 1997 17:49:25 -0400 (EDT)
From: "Phillip S. Rutledge" <rut@mcrut.mv.com>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27994] WTD: MFJ 9040
Message-ID: <199710032149.RAA08275@bort.mv.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

If anyone out there has an MFJ 9040 to sell please contact Sam (N06R) at the following address: <<stedesco@sdcoe.k12.ca.us>> He's looking for one for his newly licensed 15 year old son.

Thanks/72-- Phil (K1HS)

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Phil Rutledge--K1HS-- rut@mcrut.mv.com

ARCI#9265=Norcal#1797=N.E. QRP Club#489= QRP-L#820= CQC# 385
FISTS# 3317
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Date: Fri, 03 Oct 1997 18:53:39 -0400
From: Jim <n2lzi@dreamscape.com>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27995] (no subject)
Message-ID: <34357773.54B3@dreamscape.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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